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Who's Who and What's What

Pastor J. W. Middleton of Clinton supplied Sunday for Union Ave. Church in Memphis. In his absence the editor preached to the home folks at Clinton.

Tuskegee Institute reports that there were four lynchings in the United States in 1940, one more than in 1939. One was white, three negroes, Georgia had two; Alabama and Tennessee one each.

Jones County Brotherhood Association meets at Ellisville, Junior College auditorium, January sixth at six-thirty. Four hundred men expected. Main features, good eats, fun period climaxed by inspirational message from Judge John W. McCall, chairman of Brotherhood of the South. Men from other Brotherhoods are invited. Associational officers in other counties urged to come.—Horace Headrick, Pres. Jones County Brotherhood Association.

The program of the Pastors' Conference for Lebanon Association, composed of churches in Forrest, Lamar and Stone Counties, includes Devotional by W. W. Grafton; Reports from Pastors; Pastor and His Sunday School by J. W. Wood; Lecture on Romans by J. A. Barnhill. The meeting is on January 6, beginning at 10 a. m. presumably at Hattiesburg. Good work was done in 1940 and better is planned for 1941. Visitors are cordially welcomed.

With the completion of the reseating of Ebenezer Baptist Church which was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union, a larger building program than has ever been undertaken by this church before is starting, and that is the building of a basement educational center, a much needed addition to the church. The pastor, Rev. G. E. Wells; and all the members are sure that it will be a great success.

Circulation 20,579: We know no words big enough to express our thanks to everyone who has had a part in building the circulation of The Baptist Record to the largest number in its long and worthy history. This week's circulation is 20,579. This gives us the largest per capita circulation of any Baptist state paper in the Southern Baptist Convention. But to keep that distinction we must keep on keeping on. Again we thank every one of you. You have done a good job. Let's do even better in 1941.—A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Manager.

Beginning next Sunday afternoon, January 5, at 3:00 o'clock CST, WSLI of Jackson, will broadcast thirteen programs of the Baptist Hour sponsored by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., will be the first speaker and his subject will be, "Christ and Human Crises." Meridian WCOC will give the program at 4:30 p. m. on the same day. Other speakers on the succeeding Sundays are Drs. Truett, Moncrief and Oscar Johnson. The first fifteen thousand who write in giving the name of the station over which they listen will receive as a souvenir of this first series of Southern Baptist broadcasts a beautiful booklet containing the messages delivered by Drs. Dodd and Truett together with other interesting information. Address mail to the Baptist Hour, Atlanta. No request for contributions will be made of those writing in:

Dr. A. E. Prince of West Monroe, La., is improving from painful injuries received in an automobile accident in December. His car was demolished.

Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans assisted Pastor Batyman in a revival meeting at Weller Avenue Church, Baton Rouge. There were thirty added to the church.

Rev. John M. Wright of Natchitoches, La., has been called to the Pineville pastorate, to succeed Dr. W. H. Knight who becomes mission secretary in Louisiana.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to Foreign Missions from First Church, Laurel, has passed the \$500 mark, and is not yet complete. The Lord be praised.—L. G. Gates, Pastor.

The Kansas City Baptist Theological Seminary changes its name to Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Under the leadership of President H. E. Dana it is said to have made good progress in the past year.

A few years ago The Congregational and Christian churches united. Their recent year book shows a decrease of 55 in the number of churches and a loss of 3,633 in the number of Sunday schools. There has been a gain of 6,299 in membership.

How would it work if a pastor were as straightforward in dealing with spiritually sick souls as a doctor is with patients with physical ailments? If his members who are living in sin were plainly told about it; would they follow the advice of the pastor and be healed of their sins?

Of the 650,000 Jews who lived in Germany in 1933, 200,000 have fled from Germany, 30,000 are in concentration camps, 20,000 have committed suicide, 8,000 have been murdered, and 90,000 have died. These figures have been gathered from official sources by The Jewish Missionary Magazine.—Ex.

Editor E. D. Solomon tells of a Jew in McComb some years ago who told him he could not believe the account of the birth of Jesus of a virgin. Brother Solomon asked him about the birth of Isaac, one of his ancestors, who was born of a mother who the Scriptures say was past age. That was as much a miracle as the other.

The Caldwell Watchman of Columbia, La., presents the likeness of Dr. Guy Winstead, the Baptist pastor who has successfully led his church in paying off their church debt. The house was dedicated with appropriate services Dec. 22. The offering went considerably beyond the amount of indebtedness. Dr. Winstead is one of our Mississippi boys.

Van Winkle Church on Sunday, Dec. 29 adopted a budget of \$3,293.76 which is an increase of more than fifty percent over last year. Beside this the church will have special offerings to build the new auditorium. There were forty people who agreed to tithe their incomes who had not pledged to do so before. This church is only about three years old. One tenth of the budget goes to the Cooperative Program.

Pastor Blanding S. Vaughan returned to his pulpit Sunday after fourteen weeks of illness. His people in Southside Church, Meridian, made the day glad for him by presenting him with a beautiful 1941 model Plymouth coach. He has been pastor here for more than twenty-three years; the longest period of service of any pastor in Meridian. May our Father give to him and his a year full of blessing in all their ministry.

Rev. R. A. Coppenger goes from Butler, Tenn., to the pastorate of Pennington Gap, Va.

The churches are keeping Evangelist B. W. Walker busy, but he had a few days that he spent with his family at Clinton during the Christmas holidays.

Those who wish to observe Race Relations Sunday, February 9, can get helpful literature from the Commission of Interracial Cooperation, Standard Building, Atlanta, Ga.

First Church, Washington City, has in four years had 800 additions, having now a membership of 1,302. The budget has grown from \$15,000 to nearly \$40,000.

Evangelist Joe Canzoneri was at home for the holidays. From him we learned that in the opening of the new year he may be secured for one or more meetings. Address Jackson, Miss., on the Clinton Boulevard.

Pastor Carey Cox of Terry was brought to the Baptist Hospital in Jackson Monday morning for an emergency operation for appendicitis. On Tuesday morning his condition was reported as good.

Dr. E. F. Haight of the Baptist Bible Institute is chairman of the Committee of Seven on Educational Survey appointed by President J. Norris Palmer of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. They are to report next November.

Rev. Julius Rushing who went from Mississippi some years ago to a pastorate in Virginia, recently underwent an emergency operation in the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg. He was last reported as making a satisfactory recovery.

A rather unusual thing: the Methodists of West Laurel passed commendatory resolutions of Pastor J. H. Street who goes from the Baptist church of West Laurel to the pastorate at Durant. You will find the resolutions in another part of the paper.

Harmony Church, Pearl River County: Rev. Otis D. Ashworth has been pastor for half time at Pearl River, La., and Harmony in Pearl River County. At Harmony on Saturday night, Dec. 14 there were six additions. Plans were made for some improvements.

The Christmas season was made pleasant in many homes by the gathering of the dispersed members of the family. In the editor's home a part of the "dispersion" returned and added to the cheer. These were Mr. P. I. Lipsey, Jr., of DeLand, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lipsey of Colorado Springs; and Mr. and Mrs. X. O. Steele and daughter of Magee. Among these will be recognized the one who built up the Baptist Book Store, one who edits the "Children's Circle," and one who has contributed articles about conditions in Europe.

Dr. Jno. H. Hooks pastor at Rayville, La., says that the church budget for 1941 is ten percent over that of 1940, and was voluntarily subscribed. On December 29 the church ordained to the ministry, Rev. J. R. Cain, one of their members, an alumnus of Baylor and of the Baptist Bible Institute, now working on his doctor's degree at Southwestern and doing pastoral work near by. He has been asked by the Foreign Mission Board to work in Africa. He is highly commended by the pastor and church. Participating in the ordination were the pastor, also C. F. Almand, U. K. Perego, M. T. Wilson, and a number of deacons. The Bible and charge were presented by Pastor Hooks.

Sparks and Splinters

The church at Hollandale has called Rev. J. B. Hill of Ackerman to be pastor, beginning Jan. 15. We are glad they lost no time in securing a pastor and that they got a good one.

Missionary J. G. Chastain preached for the Mexican mission near Morgan City Dec. 19th. Their Sunday school put on a Christmas program and distributed fruits and candy at the close. Pastor Olander and his Sunday school superintendent foster this work.

The Mt. Pleasant church, Lincoln County, has adopted as an additional task this year the building of an annex to house additional Sunday school and B. T. U. groups. A good percentage of the amount needed has already been subscribed. Brother Lindsay Brown, a consecrated and energetic young deacon, is chairman of the committee to raise funds.—M. J. Anderson, P.

Rev. J. Harold Jones, president of the student body of B. B. I. and a Louisiana pastor filled the pulpit at Bogue Chitto Sunday, December 8, in the absence of the pastor who was in a meeting at Compti, La. The budget of the church was oversubscribed on this day at the morning service. This included a substantial increase in amounts for Cooperative Program and pastor's salary.—M. J. Anderson, Pastor.

After six years of service as pastor of the First Church, Durant, Rev. W. R. Haynie has accepted the call of the Gretna Church, Gretna, La. Brother Haynie served as a member of the State Board from Holmes County, Associational Sunday school superintendent and district chairman of evangelism. The Gretna church is one of the great Louisiana mission fields across the river from New Orleans. On the first two Sundays there were seven additions, two adults for baptism.

To members of Oak Grove Church, DeSoto County: You will this week receive the first copy of The Baptist Record, your state paper. It is a great step forward when you voted to adopt the Every Family Plan. We have the best state paper in the whole land. About 20,000 Baptists will receive this copy. Will you please read the paper carefully, and be able to tell us what you think of it. Then pass it to your neighbor who for any cause does not get the paper. It will call on you weekly from now on. Thank you for your loyalty. Your Pastor, Milton Whitten.

From some news sources the report has gone out that the government may turn over conscientious objectors to military service to the Friends, or Quakers. We love Quakers for what they are and for what they do. If the government is to turn over anybody to any religious organization, we believe the Quakers are the best depositories for such people. But we enter a protest with all our souls against the government adopting any religious organization as its agency for doing business. The government has no organic connection with any religious body and should have none. If the government wishes to have something like CCC camps for conscientious objectors, well and good. But let the government attend to its own business and the religious organizations to theirs.

Those who have attended conventions and board meetings for a good many years have noted a tendency to levity and sometimes even hilarity among those who are called together to attend to the Lord's business. We think nobody would accuse this writer of excessive solemnity. On the contrary we believe in humor, and are sorry for anybody who lacks a sense of humor. But we still believe that a strong current of seriousness is necessary in religious work, and that levity is incompatible with the spirit of seriousness in which the Lord's work must be carried on. It sometimes falls to an editor's lot to call attention to some things which nobody else feels called to do. And we do this in all affectionate regard, and believing that the mere mention of a possibly hurtful tendency will be sufficient. Verbum sap.

Pastor D. D. Satterwhite of Mallory Heights Church and Miss Helen Elaine Barron a member of his church were married in the church.

It used to take five weeks; it now takes, on account of the war, five months for missionaries of the Northern Baptists to get to their field of work in the Congo country, Africa.

Pastor J. A. Barnhill says that their loss by the burning of the building of Main St. Church, Hattiesburg, was about \$35,000 which is a serious blow to them. But they are already at work raising \$60,000 to build a church to meet their needs.

Rev. Earl H. McElroy has resigned the pastorate of the church at Charleston and will return to Eaton Memorial Church in Owensboro, Ky., where he was pastor several years ago. Brother McElroy is a native Mississippian and we had hoped he was in Mississippi to stay.

Among the foreign missionaries now in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans are Mrs. Kate Carper Johnson from China, Miss Naomi Schell from Japan and George Carver, Jr., from China. Among the home missionaries in the hospital are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor from Florida.—Supt. L. J. Bristow.

The United States Baptist, a National Baptist Magazine, will be published hereafter in Washington, D. C., with offices at 715 Eighth Street, N. W., in the same building with the Baptist World Alliance and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. Mike Elliott, the editor, will become pastor of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church.

Appropriations for State Missions were made by the Convention Board in December as follows: Board meeting \$1,000.00; Convention Expense \$250.00; Fixed items \$270.00; Pastors' Retirement \$6,500; Board Employees' Retirement \$1,500.00; Office Expense for rent \$780.00; Evangelistic Conference \$550.00; B. T. U. \$4,400; B. S. U. \$4,000.00; S. S. Dept. \$7,500.00; Pastoral Support \$7,600.00; Church Bldg. \$3,000.00; Indians and Negroes \$900.00; Miscellaneous \$250.00; Total \$43,500.00.

An interesting item in the Christmas holidays was a large family gathering in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Hall in Clinton. About forty of the kindred were present, and Pastor J. W. Middleton and Editor Lipsey with their wives were invited. This is a fine family group which includes about half a dozen physicians and many others in useful walks in life. The ladies were charming. The hosts were gracious and the dinner was all that could be desired. Judge and Mrs. O. B. Taylor were also among the honored guests.

Telegram from Dr. Maddy of Foreign Mission Board: "Impression has gone abroad that all missionaries in China and Japan are being withdrawn. This is a mistake and these are the facts. Upon the repeated advice of the State Department we have brought home from Japan five leaving nine. From China fifty-two active missionaries, mainly mothers with children. Nine retired missionaries and sixty-five children. We have left in China one hundred and thirty-eight active missionaries and nine in Japan. These will continue active service unless and until war conditions make it wise to bring them home. Unparalleled opportunity remains for preaching Gospel in China."

The appeal for food to be sent to the countries which have been overrun and are now occupied by the German army has met with little response in America. What if the Germans promise not to use it in their own country? They have taken food out of the mouths of people in Holland, Belgium and France to feed the German army and people. Why now should Americans feed those whom the Germans are starving? What difference in principle is there between taking food sent to feed Holland, and taking it away from Holland beforehand and then asking other folks to feed those whom they have robbed? That is just one way of feeding the German war machine. Sophistry can be used in the name of charity as everywhere else. Why should I rob my neighbor and then expect somebody else to feed him? Let's stop the robbing.

Recall the announcement made of the Mid-Winter Conference to be held at Southwestern Seminary January 27-31. A noted array of helpful speakers.

The way those Greeks are fighting for the defense of their country almost makes you want to go back to the days of your youth and read again the story of Salamis and Thermopylae.

On December 4 Mercer University's Board of Trustees voted to de-emphasize football, abandon bigtime gridiron competition, reduce the salary of coach to that of department heads, and curtail athletic scholarships, etc.

Radio station KWKH, Shreveport, La., 11,000 on the dial will broadcast services of First Baptist Church, Dr. M. E. Bodd, pastor, at 7:00 P. M. central standard time each Sunday evening beginning January 5.

Because his duties as president of Tennessee College for Women are heavy, Dr. Merrill D. Moore turns over the writing of the Sunday school lesson exposition in the Baptist and Reflector to Rev. O. L. Rives of Gatlinburg, Tenn.

On account of the approaching marriage of Miss Susan Daniel she has resigned her position as student secretary of Blue Mountain College, and Miss Lucy Carelton Wilds has been chosen to succeed her in that work. Miss Wilds for two or three years has been her father's assistant in the State B. T. U. work, and is well and favorably known among our people. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, was active in religious work while in school and is well fitted to do this service to which she has been called.

At the December meeting of the Convention Board, Secretary McCall was authorized to secure a promotional agent for the 5,000 and Now Clubs for six months time. He now announces that with the consent of President L. T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain College, he has secured Mr. Frank Skilton to conduct the campaign of the Clubs to pay the debts of Mississippi Baptists. He begins work in this department the fifteenth of January. There is a bonded indebtedness of \$542,000, and the plan to pay it off in three years, if successful will save \$300,000 in interest. There are 270,000 white Baptists in Mississippi and the plan is entirely feasible.

About a week before Christmas a large number of our young men, some of the finest in the state, boarded the train in Jackson at midnight and started for the training camp in Florida. This is just a sample of what is going on in many places throughout our nation. Already young men from three states to the north of us had moved into camp in Mississippi and begun their training. Thus the ordinary business in life has been interrupted by what seems a national emergency. These young men are the concern of all our hearts. They have gone from many of our homes. Many of them are members of our churches. There should be constant and importunate prayer in our churches and homes on their behalf. May our God keep them in health, shield them in the time of temptation, direct all their ways, reveal himself to them in all goodness, mercy and love, strengthen them for all they ought to do, and bring them back to us for the ministry of peace in the days to come.

Governor Johnson has made it known through the daily press that he is convinced of great waste in government in Mississippi. He believes that the state taxes may be reduced by half. This he attributes to two things, the fact that some corporations evade or escape just taxation, and the fact that there are unnecessary offices and agencies of government. He promises that if the legislature will adopt his policies to reduce taxes or resign from office. It is to be hoped that the Legislature will give fair consideration to his proposals, and not be aminated by factional spirit or personal bitterness. Of course he will have a fight on his hands. If there are corporations not bearing their proper share of taxation they will line up against him. And all superfluous officeholders with their dependents and friends will oppose any reduction here. We do not know what the Governor's plans are, but we hope there will be a fair and open manifestation of all the facts.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"A Ludicrous Situation"

Not long ago I asked one of the jolliest souls I have ever known to tell me the funniest thing she ever saw happen in church. She has eyes which see laughable things and a memory that holds them.

"The funniest thing I ever saw happen in church occurred about thirty years ago, when I was much younger than I am now and for the first and only time in my life sat in the choir. It was in the summer. The weather was hot. The pastor was away on vacation. The choir was playing hookey and the organist was desperate. In response to her insistent plea I went into the choir that day.

"Our preachers wore Prince Alberts. The one who was filling our pulpit that day had very large hands. He seemed to be self-conscious in that long coat. As he got into his sermon he began to sweat copiously. It was not long before he wanted his handkerchief which he carried in that special pocket that was built in the rear tail side of the Prince Albert.

"My attention was attracted by his difficulty in locating the opening in the pocket. Knowing what he wanted I watched to see how long it would take him to get the handkerchief. I do not know how it happened but he got his hand hung in the pocket. I suppose he shoved his fingers in with the hand open and closed it around the handkerchief which greatly enlarged the mass. Anyhow his hand was caught. He tugged one way and lifted his coat tail another and he shook it in every conceivable manner and still the hand wouldn't come out. He was a timid man. He was already red with embarrassment. He was suffering the tortures of the damned trying to preach and trying to extricate his hand from his pocket. I stood it as long as I could and left before I disgraced myself and created a commotion in the church. A friend who had more control than I said it took the poor brother at least five minutes to release his hand."

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HOME COMING WEEK BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

The annual Home Coming Week program of the Baptist Bible Institute will be held March 3-7, 1941. This is a combination of the Layne and Tharp Lectures with a program of evangelism, religious education, Bible Study, missions, music, Woman's Missionary Union, and other denominational work.

An outstanding group of speakers and teachers has been asked to participate. Among these are many from outside of New Orleans. Those who have promised to be with us are: Dr. Everett Gill, Sr., long time leader of Baptist work in Europe; Dr. W. T. Conner, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Austin Crutch, of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. W. H. Knight, of Shreveport, Louisiana; Dr. D. A. McCall, of Jackson, Mississippi; Mrs. C. R. Cresman, of Tennessee; Mr. T. H. Hedgepeth, of New Orleans; Dr. Wyatt Hunter, of McComb, Mississippi; Rev. Fred Scholfield, of Laurel, Mississippi; and Prof. I. E. Reynolds, of Fort Worth, Texas.

This will be a good time to visit New Orleans and the Baptist Bible Institute and see first hand the work of the Institute and also witness the wonderful missionary program in and about the city as being carried forward by the Practical Activities Department of the Institute under the supervision of Dr. Shepard. A limited number can be entertained in the Institute dormitories but advance notice is necessary from all who desire such accommodations. We shall be glad to aid in securing rooms near the campus, when our dormitories have been filled.

SCRAPS FROM MY SCRAPBOOK

By Evangelist Barney Walker

Author's apology. In our more serious moments we have certain mental reactions to the progress of our work and its attending difficulties. In the notes given below I have set them down as they have occurred to me in the twenty-nine months that I have served in this state as an independent Baptist evangelist. They are passed on with the hope that an agreement or disagreement with them may help the cause of Christ as we represent Him.

If Mississippi Baptists were as orthodox in practice as we are in preaching we would win this state to Christ in six months.

The less a church does to win its lost to Christ, the more jealously it guards them against any one else winning them to Christ. They seem to say: "These are our lost people. We want them to go to hell without any outside interference."

There is more loafing done in the name of the Lord than any other surviving business.

In many cases lost people are more anxious to become acquainted with the Lord than professing Christians are to make the introduction.

The acid test of what a man is and what he believes is what he does.

It is strange how "salvation by grace" could put so much "go" into Paul and put so much "blow" into some of us.

What right does a dead church have to ask for money except to buy a monument?

For every man that the saloon, road house, and dance hall has led to hell, three more go to the same place because no one is interested in their souls.

A "regular service" is one dressed up in a straight jacket.

One hundred people whose lives were thoroughly dedicated to the Lord could win more people to Christ than all Mississippi Baptists are doing.

When Jesus left this earth He carried all excuses with Him.

Nine tenths of my energy as an evangelist have been dissipated in trying to get church members to do what every twice-born man should desire to do.

Some people that are considered good are not good. They are too lazy to be mean. Goodness is positive.

The preacher looking for sympathy usually gets it from himself.

Many preachers that "the churches have laid on the shelf" laid the Lord on "the shelf" about ten years before.

The less we do for the Lord the more jealous we are of the other person that does something for Him.

Any old thing can denounce the saloon keeper and the booze head. It takes the grace of God to go out and win them to Christ.

It is going to take more than "programs" and "conferences" to reach that poor old devil out there in sin.

We either do not believe that the sinner is lost, or that Jesus saves, or we would do more about it.

It will be a great day for the cause of Christ when we are more anxious to please Him than we are each other.

It will not be necessary to publish it when we put first things first. The world will know it.

As Baptists we need more money, more members and many other things. But above all we need the moving power of the Spirit of Christ to make right our own cold, indifferent, worldly hearts. He will not do for us what we want until He has done to us what He wills.

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On recommendation of Secretary W. H. McKnight, Louisiana Baptists will hold district Evangelistic Conferences this year instead of one Central Conference.

Something similar to the proposal made at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meeting, the Louisiana Convention Board appointed a committee to survey the missionary needs in the state and bring recommendations to the next Board meeting, Nov. 25-28.

BAPTISTS AND THE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

T. B. Maston

Although I am not personally a conscientious objector and never have been yet I believe Baptists cannot be consistent unless they publicly defend and privately respect the rights of the conscientious objector.

The former of these two things was done by the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting last spring. The Social Service Commission report, approved by the Convention, included the following:

Be it resolved, That the Convention go on record as recognizing such right of a conscientious objection, and that the Convention instruct the Executive Committee to provide facilities for their registration with the denomination, in order that the Executive Committee may be able to make accurate certification to the government concerning them at any time it should be called for.

The Executive Committee has provided cards for the registration of conscientious objectors. The latter should take advantage of this service. Those who thus register will have some basis for defense when they are called to serve in the army.

Privately Respect

The conscientious objector is in as great a need of private respect as public defense. He will receive general condemnation from society. Fellow Christians may disagree with his position but anyone who is willing for the sake of religious convictions to suffer the social ostracism and ridicule such a position entails should be respected. After all, as the great English minister and author—L. D. Weatherhead, has said, such an individual may be a more consistent Christian than those of us who justify the Christian's participation in war. He at least is in rather honorable company. Christians during the first two or three centuries of the Christian era would not join the army or have anything to do with war. Throughout the centuries there have been Christian groups that have maintained rather consistent positions against war. Some of these such as certain Anabaptist and Mennonite sects and the Quakers have certainly made worthy contributions to the Christian movement and to the betterment of society.

Counsel to Conscientious Objectors

Possibly this article will reach comparatively few conscientious objectors. But to those it reaches I want to make the following suggestions: (1) If you have not registered with the Executive Committee do so. (2) Talk with your pastor so he will understand thoroughly your position. (3) Do not parade your conscience or try to capitalize personally on your position. (4) Make up your mind ahead of time that you will have to suffer for your conviction and when the time comes quietly and patiently accept whatever punishment is meted out, trusting the Lord to care for you and the interests of his cause. This will be your attitude if you have caught the spirit of the true Christian martyrs of the past.

Seminary Hill, Texas.

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Dr. and Mrs. Theo. Whitfield of Pocahontas brought each office at Baptist headquarters a good size bag of pecans; and they were already picked out! What do you think of that? They have the thanks and the affectionate esteem of all these friends.

To the members of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven: Beginning with this issue, you will receive The Baptist Record each week as a gift from your church. We believe the weekly visits of your Baptist paper in your home will be a blessing to you and your household. Please read it regularly because its pages always contain information and inspiration that every Baptist should have. The Record is sent you in the hope and belief that your reading it will result in your being a better informed and, therefore, more effective worker for our Lord and His church.—S. H. Jones, Pastor.

EDITORIALS

GOD IS IN HIS WORLD

Whether learned from the catechism, or in Sunday school, or in the home, or in the theological school, we are prone to run off the words from our lips which describe the character of God with little seriousness or reverence. We speak of His omnipotence, or omniscience, or omnipresence, as if reciting a lesson or standing an examination for some sort of certificate or seal. It would be better if we should pause before pronouncing the name of God, or speaking of the attributes that belong to Him alone.

Not that we would seek to drop the name of God from our conversation, or make the reference to Him more difficult in our speaking one with another. Surely we may combine deep and genuine love for Him as our Father with sincere reverence for Him as God over all.

What we are hoping to do in this little talk about God is that we may all come to think of Him in connection with the every day incidents and affairs of our lives. As we cannot shut Him out of our world, let us seek more and more to recognize Him and think of Him as having to do with everything in our world. It would help us mightily if we could say from our hearts, and with the full consciousness of its truth, what Paul said in his second letter to the Corinthians: "All things are of God."

We would not seek to put any limitations upon that "all things." Just let it stand like it is: "All things are of God." To be sure there are difficulties in realizing the truth of this; difficulties which arise mostly, if not entirely from the limitations of our vision and our faith. There may be things in your life which you would rather not ascribe to God, would rather believe that He had nothing to do with. There are things in our world today which give severe shock, and which some might even declare God had nothing to do with. But a longer and wider vision, and a stronger faith will see God in it all, God's purpose, God's mercy and grace, God's plan for a redeemed and reconstructed world.

From Genesis to Revelation the whole Book of God is a teaching and a demonstration that God is in His world. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." And it would be utterly unlike God to make a universe and go off and leave it. Indeed and we say it reverently, God cannot go off and leave it. If He is omnipresent, as all Christians believe, He must be in the world. To be absent from it is a physical and metaphysical impossibility. Hagar could run away from Sarah, but she could not hide from God. "Thou, God, seest me." "Though I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." Jonah found that he could flee from everything else, but not from God.

But it is not merely that God is in every place, but he is in everything that affects us and the world which He has made. It is good to know that His hand is on and in everything. Peter says in I P. 4:12, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto you." Isaiah meets the challenge of quibblers and doubters when he says, "I am Jehovah and there is none else. I form the light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil; I am Jehovah that doeth all these things."

It is only a part of the truth to say that the Lord is "the giver of every good and perfect gift," unless you mean to include also the things which you look upon as misfortunes and hardships. We must keep in mind that "all things work together for good to them who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." And don't try to limit the "all things." The things that are painful to us are as necessary and as helpful as the things which are pleasant. To complain of them is to distrust God and to rebel against Him.

Faced with blackness and emptiness as the disciples were when Jesus was leaving them, He still said, "Let not your hearts be troubled: Believe in God; believe also in me." "Fear not, little flock, it is your father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

When the world was going to pieces, as it has on more than one occasion, the Lord through Isaiah calls the people back to faith in Him; to get a new vision of Him, and His purpose of redemption. He says, "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out the heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Behold the nations are as a drop of a bucket and are accounted as the small dust of the balance. But thou, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend; fear thou not for I am with thee; be not dismayed for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee: yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Take time to read about ten chapters of Isaiah beginning with the fortieth chapter.

The Christian can stand calmly amid a world going up in flames; when the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved with fervent heat. For "we look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." The things which can be shaken will be removed, that the things which cannot be shaken may abide.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the word,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word.
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie;
My grace all sufficient shall be they supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, thy gold to refine.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the world had been waiting for the message which President Roosevelt brought over the radio last Sunday evening. It can be said truthfully that the world listened to him when he spoke. It was carried by short wave to every part of the world and was probably heard by the heads of the nations, and by millions of interested people around the earth. It is doubtful if ever in the history of the world so many people listened to the voice of one man at one time.

The President himself realized that it was an epoch marking occasion. He referred to the national crisis of 1932 and spoke of this as an international crisis of equal seriousness. He also realized something of the responsibility which was upon him as at least one of the key men in world conditions today, and his attitude as representing Americans at a time when what is done will have much to do with determining what sort of world we are going to live in from now on.

There was no effort at oratory. He did not seek to provoke passion, nor invoke prejudice and ill will. He simply stated the world conditions which we face and the course of events and conduct of rulers which have led up to the present situation. We have come to the time of decision as to the attitude of our country in present international conditions. We face things more serious and momentous apparently than any of us realize. God only knows the issue. In His hands are the destinies of men and nations. All great events are in some sense the expression of the judgment of God. It is not different now. Those who read Jeremiah and Isaiah and Ezekiel will better understand what is going on today.

But we are speaking of the President's address. He put the responsibility for our immediate condition where it belongs, at the feet of Adolf Hitler. He quoted Hitler's words which demonstrate a determination to dominate the world, and showed that they were a challenge to every people and nation which values freedom in economics and religion. Here is a man crazed with a purpose to rule all nations, and

who has himself declared that his philosophy of life and that which has hitherto obtained among men cannot continue to exist side by side in the same world. Who will answer the challenge, and how shall it be done?

The President admitted the possibility of war, a war which nobody in America wants. But he insisted there is less probability of war by resistance to dictators, than there is in an effort to appease them. He cited the history of Europe in the past two years as proof of this. All Americans want peace. The question with us is which is the most likely road to peace, a peace that means independence for nations and freedom for individuals.

The President believes that Americans have cooperated, and asks that they shall do so more and more. He pleaded for production of the means of defense. He believes our greatest security is in the barrier which Britain places between us and the dictator powers. And so he believes that all possible aid to Britain is our first, best and surest self-defense. He did not specifically point out what sort of aid is to be given and how we are to make such contribution. Those are matters for mature but immediate consideration; and they are largely the responsibility of Congress to decide. That body meets in January, and the address of the President was in preparation for that meeting. Pray for the President and for our lawmakers, and counsellors.

DR. E. K. COX

This faithful servant of God passed to his reward at noon on December 20 at his home in Gloster. He was stricken on the previous Sunday and remained unconscious most of the time until his release came.

Dr. Cox came to Mississippi, to the pastorate at Gloster about seventeen years ago from Tennessee, where he had been pastor in Jackson and prominent churches in the central and eastern parts of the state. He had served also in responsible positions on boards of Baptists institutions before coming to Mississippi.

When he came to Mississippi he entered sympathetically into every phase and department of our Baptist work. He was at one time moderator of Mississippi Association, and at the time of his death was its representative on the Convention Board. His was not a merely professional service; he was deeply and genuinely concerned for the welfare of all the Lord's work.

Anybody who knew him was immediately impressed with his physical and intellectual vigor. He worked hard and wisely. Not only didn't mind hard work; he loved it; it was his joy and his conception of life. He never dragged in body or mind. His nervous energy was marvelous.

He was a man of fine sense. He knew what was of chief value in the world and put proper emphasis on it. He did not bother with trifles, nor turn aside to little things. He knew how to work with other people and delighted to do it. His sense of proportion, his judgment of men was accurate and valuable.

He was a truly devout soul. He lived in the word of God. He devoted in its teaching. He studied it carefully. He was an excellent interpreter of the word. His articles in the Baptist Record on Bible characters were among the best of the kind we have ever seen. He had an unusual insight into these as the revelation of the truth which God wished to make known to men. He also wrote books which showed the prophetic and evangelistic passion, and are the peers of any in their realm.

He was a man who knew the fellowship of suffering, and this made his life capable of beautiful ministry. To most people his sorrows were unknown for he did not parade them. Nor was his head ever bowed among men, but only in the presence of God. To intimate friends he spoke in subdued tones of the burdens he carried, and permitted them to share something of his burden. There was no bitterness, no resentment, but his spirit was mellowed by the discipline of a loving Father's hand.

A good and useful man has gone from among

us. His work abides and will stand the test of years and the judgment. May our Father bless and comfort those whom he leaves with hearts bereaved.

FEED IT TO FIDO

This is what Paul says, virtually, in Philipians 3:8. Here are his words, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him."

He is talking of course about the things which he once thought constituted the whole of religion; all the Jewish rites, ceremonies, requirements of the law, starting with circumcision, observing the traditions; glorying in his family descent and all that. He was once proud of it all. He gloried in it, boasted of it and vaunted his pride in it all.

And now he says he is done with it and has no more use for it. These things had their place and served their purpose. They were a part of the Jewish heritage. They were necessary in their day. They brought God's people up to the knowledge of the Christ; they explained His mission, they helped, or were intended to help, in knowing the ministry of Jesus. But when Jesus came, they were no longer necessary. They were actually in the way; they must be removed.

When you sit at the table and the meat is carved, and you are served, on your plate when you are through, will be found some bones and fragments which are not fit for food for human beings. You push these aside. You feed them to Fido. They are thrown into the waste bucket. It was this way that Paul felt about all the rites and ceremonies of the Jewish law. They had served their purpose; they were never meant as the real food for your soul, but they were necessary to get the food to you. Now you are through with them. They were the shadow. The body is Christ. These other things are now "counted as refuse," to be discarded "for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord."

The "mystery of godliness" has escaped most of us. It is indeed a mystery. Godliness is being, not doing. A man can be only what he has become. And spiritually, he can become only what God makes him. How different would be our churches if we could catch this mystery! To quit doing, and become, is hateful to the flesh. The flesh does not want us to become, it wants to do for us. The flesh hates to quit doing because it would mean that most of our smart innovations and mechanical gadgets must die with the flesh. The rush of much of the activity in our churches would die out, and, like Joshua, we would become worshippers of a God who has much to give us, and would no longer stand in the way of His purposes to give us His larger life. We would no longer, in our rush to do something to merit or compel His approval, fail to discern Him, being centered in discerning our own fine doings. I go back here to Martha and Mary. They are the outstanding Bible example. Martha was trying to do for the Master. Discerning Him, Mary performed a more proper service by letting Him do for her. The Son of Man came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mary discerned this, and opened her heart to Him. This was what the Master wanted. He said so. This is what God wants of you and me—to open our hearts and receive what He wants to do for us. This crucifies the flesh, of course, and this crucifixion the flesh hates. The flesh in many good men, earnest men, zealous men, holds back here. But discerning the "mystery" of godliness lies in this truth. We perform God's purpose by letting Him possess us. The flesh is ruled out, yea, and all its works. Our doing, from there on, will be of a different order. It will be far less showy, less pretentious, but far more mellow, spiritual, and effective. There will be less worry, more peace; less anxiety, more faith; less disappointment, more victory. But if we do nothing, what fruit shall we bear? I do not say we shall do nothing. But what we

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b ("Till I came, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe.")

NEW CLUB RATES

Turn now to page nine and read about the new club rates authorized at the recent meeting of the Convention Board. No longer need any Baptist do without the Record. It is in reach of everyone.

VAIDEN IS IN

We recently spent a few minutes in Vaiden talking with some of the church leaders there. We explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan and before we were half through one brother said, "I've heard about that plan and think it is a good thing and we ought to have it." The other brethren agreed and promised to present the matter to the church. Evidently the church felt the same way for recently we received the EVERY FAMILY list from Vaiden.

Carroll County now has subscribers listed as follows: Carrollton Rt 1, I, Coila 7, McCarley 7, NEW SALEM 12, N. CARROLLTON 43, PROVIDENCE 6, VAIDEN 50, Carrollton 1.

MORE EVERY FAMILY CHURCHES WELCOMED

Among churches recently adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan, we are glad to welcome the following: Richmond, Lee County; Brewer, Lee County; Sartatia, V. R. Crider, pastor, Yazoo County; Eastport, Tishomingo County; Fellowship, Greene County, Harmony, Tippah County, C. M. Wilbanks, pastor; Walnut, Flag Lake, Tate County; Horn Lake, DeSoto County; Mt. Manna, Tate County, H. B. Vinson; Pleasant Hill, Leake County; A. A. Ward, Saltillo, Lee County; F. G. Wilborn; Tishomingo Chapel, Alcorn County; Vaiden, Madison Flowers; Vossburg, J. Hardee Kennedy; New Salem, Franklin County, Elton Barlow; Avera, Greene County; Corinth, Jasper County; Beulah, Newton; New Ireland, Newton; Crenshaw, W. E. Lee, Crowder, O. C. Chance, Springfield, Scott County, L. G. Sansing; Knoxo, Walthall, M. J. Gilbert.

A STARTLING COMPARISON

A prominent South Mississippi pastor gives us the following facts: At the recent meeting of the Jackson County Association only THREE churches reported no gifts to Missions. AND these three churches also reported no Baptist Record subscriptions. AND EVERY EVERY FAMILY church reported forward steps.

The Record does help.

do will be God within us, and it will be far different from that which we try to prosecute in our own power, and for the scanty fruitage of which we are constantly having to apologize before the world. What is the result of a life which has fallen into the ground and died? Fruitfulness! What kind of fruit? The fruit of the Spirit of life. And what is that? "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control." What wonders Christ could perform with lives and churches like that!—Kazee in Western Recorder.

In the seven years since repeal arrests for drunkenness have almost doubled; deaths from alcoholism are 41 per cent greater than for the period of prohibition; and the liquor trade has taken more than twenty-one and a half billions of dollars from the people.—Ex.

Mr. William A. Frost who has been business manager of the Western Recorder since 1922 has resigned that position to become Kentucky Commissioner of Welfare. Mr. Frost is a fine spirit with whom we have had pleasant fellowship in the Baptist newspaper field. He has been honored as moderator of the Kentucky General Association.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Annually we go to the Baptist Bible Institute to acquaint the new students with Baptist Record plans. It is always an inspiration to see the fine work of this great institution and the equally great student body.

More than thirty students gathered for a period of food, fellowship and information. Many of the student pastors already have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The new student pastors showed great interest and we expect soon to have several other EVERY FAMILY Plan churches from B. B. I. pastors. In fact, if as large a percentage of Mississippi pastors had the EVERY FAMILY Plan as do the B. B. I. students, our circulation would be around 40,000.

As always, Mrs. Santos, B. B. I. dietitian had prepared a meal fit for a king.

EUPORA

The Baptist Record has no better booster than Rev. J. R. Reedy. Recently he arranged three engagements for us. It wasn't his fault that two of them were rained out. But the Eupora people are not easily rained out. And even though it rained, we spoke to a well filled auditorium at Eupora. We didn't need to talk about the EVERY FAMILY Plan. They have it and like it, so we preached on "Christian Living."

From one member we wormed the following facts:

1. There is a fine spirit of cooperation.
2. The people are reading the Record.
3. They have gone to full time and everybody likes it.
4. The budget for 1941 is \$1200 more than the 1940 budget.
5. They have adopted the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

Webster County's Record readers are listed as follows: Bellefontaine 2, Bethel 8, EUPORA 113, RFD Eupora 3, Fellowship 2, Mantee 4, Mathistown 3, New Hope 1, Walthall 1, DOUBLE SPGS. 17.

NEW HOPE, LEAKE COUNTY

How we wish we had a Mrs. Kate Summers in every Mississippi Baptist church. She recently wrote as follows:

Dear Sir: I'll write you what we have done at New Hope, Leake County. We discussed the Record and the church voted that our pastor, Kelva Moore, whom we love very much appoint a committee to see what we could do about getting the Record in all the homes of our members. The Record was going into seven homes, so we have secured 18 at \$1.00 each and I'm sending you eighteen dollars and the names and addresses. These, as you see, are not quite 100% but glad to do this much. Hope this gets to you in time for the Record this week.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Kate Summers.

What New Hope has done others could do if—A.L.G.

Leake County circulation is listed as follows: CARTHAGE 63, RFD Carthage 3, Dossville 2, EDINBURG 32, GOOD HOPE 23, Lena 11, Midway 8, Mt. Zion 2, Oak Grove 7, PLEASANT HILL 16, Standing Pine 5, Thomastown 1, TUSCOLA 33, WALNUT GROVE 83, Walnut Grove R.F.D. 4, Sebastopol 1, New Hope 18.

Dear Baptist Record Friends:

On the threshold of the New Year we wish to say thank you for your consideration during the year of 1940, to tell you how appreciative we are, and how earnestly we desire to do everything possible to merit your good will for the coming year.

We sincerely hope that 1941 will be a happy and prosperous year for you and yours.

Cordially yours,
THE BAPTIST RECORD
A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Mgr.

P. S. For everything you do to help us reach 21,000 in circulation we thank you now.

OUR SEMINARIES

The relation of the Churches to our Seminaries, viz., the Southern Baptist, the Southwestern, and the Baptist Bible Institute, is the same as that which we sustain to the other causes fostered by all the general Baptist bodies with which they cooperate.

Like other agencies, their trustees are appointed and their policies are determined by the Southern Baptist Convention, which in turn is constituted of messengers, elected by the churches.

Like the other agencies, they owe their origin to influences and circumstances, which time and experience have amply proved to have been of divine leading.

Like the other agencies, the churches are or should be interested fundamentally in the service these institutions are set to render. Churches are interested in the Seminaries in the measure that they are concerned about the kind of leadership they are to have in the work which God has given to them to do.

Many successful preachers have never gone to a seminary. Probably the time will never come when all of our preachers will be seminary trained. It remains true, however, that for the rank and file of preachers the seminary is invaluable. Multitudes of God-called men without Seminary training have been greatly blessed by the indirect influence of the Seminaries. They embody and constantly witness to the finest ideals of the churches as to what constitutes an efficient minister. Through their faculties, libraries and alumni they touch the lives of all our preachers, and challenge them to make the most of themselves for the glory of God.

Closely akin to the question of the relation is the matter of the obligation of the churches to the Seminaries. This obligation is two-fold, viz., financial support and supply of students.

From the first the Seminaries have made no charge for tuition. Wherever possible aid has been rendered worthy students unable to provide for their personal living expenses.

Funds for equipment, faculties, libraries, student aid, etc., perforce must be provided by generous churches and individuals.

All three of these institutions carry indebtedness upon their property. Gratifying progress has been made in recent years in steadily reducing these obligations.

None of these schools has adequate endowment. The Southern has by far the largest. The Institute has practically none. In recent years the earnings from invested funds have been materially reduced. The prospect of large gifts by individuals under present financial conditions seems remote. Only as the churches give regularly and liberally through the Cooperative Program and the 100,000 Club can they be worthily maintained.

The churches need to keep in mind another important fact. These Seminaries will not enroll as regular students those who are not certified by the churches as having given evidence by character and gifts of a divine call to the ministry. Young men and women who feel that they have been called to special forms of Christian service apart from the ministry will not be accepted unless they are approved by their churches. This throws a weighty responsibility upon the churches.

We believe that only God calls men to preach. We believe also that only God saves people. In both instances God uses human instrumentalities to make known to all men the riches of his grace in Christ and to appeal to them by life and example, by words and deeds, to receive the grace of God and to find their places in God's service. It is inconceivable that God should save a person and that person give no credible evidence of that experience to others. It is equally impossible for a man to be called by God to preach, and that man give no visible assurance of that fact. Happy is the church whose members have the spiritual insight to recognize and to appraise the outward evidences of the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people.

In fullest sympathy and fidelity the churches should encourage young preachers to seek all possible preparation for their high calling. There is not a sound argument why any man should seek vocational training that is not more urgent upon the young preacher that he should go to the Seminary.

There he will have the finest opportunity to test out the sincerity of his purpose to become a minister of the Gospel; to discipline himself to hard work in the study of those courses that are vitally related to his high calling; to profit by the wisdom and experience of teachers who are set to guide him in his pursuits; to have daily contacts with fellow-students, of varied gifts and from various sections, who have in common with him, his life's purpose to exercise his gifts both as a church member and as a preacher as one has opportunity.

We appeal for a revival of praying that the Lord of the harvest should thrust forth laborers into his harvest.

We should seek to give more sympathy and cooperation to young men who are trying to find God's will for their lives.

We should be alert to the responsibility we incur when we give our approval to those desiring to enter the ministry.

We must give sustained support in gifts of money and in unflinching supplication for our Seminaries in the sacrificial but glorious work which they are doing.

Chas. W. Daniel, Chairman.

Adopted by Arkansas Baptist Convention, December 4, 1940.

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OUR TREASURED RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

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(The following is a part of the presidential address of Dr. J. Howard Williams made at the Texas Convention and published in The Baptist Standard. It is worthy of serious thought.—Ed.)

There are in America 16 to 20 million Catholic people. Catholics have every right in the world to be Catholics. In line with our long established Baptist tradition as well as because of our present conviction which is as deep as life, we must and would defend the Catholic in his right to be a Catholic. It is utterly inexcusable on our part, however, if, because of indifference or unwillingness to speak our convictions, we permit the Catholic people to impose upon us and the hundred million other non-Catholics of this country, views which are not, in our opinion, in accordance with the teaching of the Word of God, and not, therefore, for the best interest of the individual and the nation.

Mr. Hitler wrote a book more than 15 years ago in which he set forth his views, and states in plain words his intended world program. He was not taken seriously by any nation until he became a world power and menace. For many centuries the Catholic church has announced to the world its many views. Among those views is their belief that the Pope has the right to dominate the world in both spiritual and material affairs. They believe that the church ought to be intimately connected with the state and ought to control its affairs. These views are both undemocratic and un-American. Believing these things as they do, they are to be commended for seeking to apply them in America and throughout the world, but we and others interested in a different viewpoint ought to take knowledge of the progress which they are making. If we want these things to take place in America we ought to do nothing about it. If we are unwilling for them to take place we ought to assert our own convictions and inform the world of the possibility of their realization in our own great country. Many instances of their progress in America can be cited. In some states their private and religion. In Texas some of their nuns in the state, thereby putting the state in the unhappy business of teaching a particular type of religion. In Texas some of their nuns in the garbs of their order are teaching in our public schools and are receiving tax money in payment of their salaries. Upon the death of the present Pope's immediate predecessor the Con-

gress of the United States adjourned; upon the coronation of the present Pope, the President of the United States sent a personal representative in the person of Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, and in recent months, Mr. Roosevelt shattered all precedents by doing what some believe to be unconstitutional, in sending a personal representative with the rank of Ambassador to the Pope of Rome, as the head of the Catholic church. Just what may we expect next?

When one realizes the very serious complications and evils to both church and state which have attended their close union, and when one remembers that millions died that religious liberty might become a fact, the developments that have taken place in recent years and even months in America toward the union of church and state are in reality alarming. These things have been called to the attention of the President by a united Methodism representing many millions of citizens of the United States. The Lutherans and others have voiced their opposition. Strong protests have been lodged by the 57,000 Baptists of the world in session in Atlanta, Ga., in 1939, and we in this convention assembled, representing 700,000 members of our churches and a constituency of approximately 2,000,000 Texans do hereby voice our most insistent protest in this matter and join with the many millions of other Christians in America in respectfully but insistently requesting that the President withdraw his appointment of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as a personal and therefore semi-official representative to the head of the Roman Catholic church.

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THE INDIANS AND THE FRENCH

W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, La.

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Probably the Baptist Bible Institute has never had a greater Missionary Day than the one just held in which special attention was given to the French and the Indian work in Southern Louisiana. Pastor H. O. Hearn, of Houma, and Pastor Lawrence Thibodeaux were the special speakers, and District Missionary J. W. Dickens emphasized the "All Judea" in Christ's plan of missions.

Miss Milbry Guest and brother A. J. Martin and brother A. D. Martin brought French and Indian children, recently won by mission work. Their singing and their testimonies moved all to tears, and we praised God for his blessings upon the labors of his faithful servants in these great and needy fields.

Pastor Stanley E. Wilkes, of Vivian, Louisiana, showed pictures of the amazing work being done in the state by Baptists. He will bring his Louisiana mission demonstration to the Institute for Home Coming Week, March 3 to 7, when B. B. I. is to offer a great program to faculty, students, and friends.

The Practical Activities department gave encouraging statistics of new mission stations, new churches, new converts, and new interest. The missionary journeys are reminders of apostolic missions. Greater interest was reported concerning the Negro Seminary. We must do more for our Negro brethren. The students under the leadership of Dr. J. W. Shepard are missionaries and are making far-reaching contributions to the Lord's work in New Orleans and the surrounding territory.

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Pastor J. C. Wells was elected by the Louisiana Board to serve as Baptist chaplain of the Charity Hospital in Lafayette, his home town.

Seven years ago the Foreign Mission Board owed \$1,110,000.00. This has now been reduced to \$225,000. Think what a reduction in interest payments!

The theme of Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference in Jackson, Jan. 13, is "Enemies Within Our Ranks." The devotional will be led by Claud Bowen. G. P. White will discuss 2 Tim. 4:1-5. I. F. Metts will speak on "The Oxford Movement." Rev. A. L. Godrich will speak on the "British-Israel Pyramid Prophecy." A round-table will be led by A. S. Johnston on "Other Heresies." M. O. Patterson will speak on "The Heresies of the Seven Churches of Asia."

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"Go" Mt. 5:24; "Go" Mt. 10:6; "Go" Mt. 11:4;
"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:29; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:10.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21; "Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

I

THE NEW YEAR — 1941 THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN

I wish that there were some wonderful place,
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor, selfish grief
Could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, at the door,
And never put on again.

We would find all the things we intended to do
But forgot, and remembered—too late,
Like praises unspoken, little promises broken,
And all of the thousand and one
Little duties neglected that might have perfected
The day for one less fortunate.

It wouldn't be possible not to be kind
In the Land of Beginning Again;
And the ones we misjudged and the ones whom
we grudging
Their moments of victory here,
Would find in the grasp of our loving handclasp
More than penitent lips could explain.

For what had been hardest we'd know had been
best,
And what had seemed loss would be gain;
For there isn't a sting that will not take wing
When we've faced it and laughed it away;
And I think that the laughter is most what we're
after
In the Land of Beginning Again.

So I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor, selfish grief
Could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, at the door,
And never put on again.

II

Something new. To us at least. We have seen
aisles of His churches filled with folks to join
the church in various ways. We have seen the
aisles clogged with humanity in consecration
moments. We have seen the aisles packed with
happy church folks streaming to the front in
periods of fellowship.

Recently, at Crystal Springs, we saw the main
part of the lovely auditorium filled with worship-
pers during a Stewardship Revival. It was Wed-
nesday evening. Folks sat in extensions to the
auditorium also.

Dr. L. G. Gates was the preacher. He knows
how to present the Word.

The most unusual part of the service, to us,
was when folks in large numbers pressed for-
ward to sign their names in a "We Believe God"
book—covenanting to bring God's tithe to His
storehouse. It took something like 20-30 minutes
for this part of the service.

The happy pastor and wife, Brother A. B.
Pierce and Mrs. Pierce, signed first.

Doxology! Malachi 3:8-18.

III

Pastors have been writing in for association-
wide Evangelistic Crusade plans. The plans along
with much other helpful information on "Soul-
winning" will be presented in a special issue of
The Baptist Record, January 16th issue. Watch
for it!

IV

The associationwide evangelistic program is at
"rolling in" tide. Alcorn County has set the date
for one the first week of April. Jackson County
has set the second week in April. The Tishomingo
County pastors recently voted in favor of an
Association simultaneous evangelistic series. The
Itawamba Association named a committee for
such a purpose. Pastors J. B. Parker, Ripley, and
J. S. Riser, Blue Mountain, have indicated an
upward surge in sentiment for an association-
wide evangelistic campaign in Tippah.

It has been done! "And this continued by the
space of two years: so that all they which dwelt
in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both
Jews and Greeks." Acts 19:10.

It may be done again! We have the same gos-
pel, the same God, the same Power available,
the same methods before us, the same body of
Christ—the Church, the same Word!

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Do we ever sing "Take My Silver and My Gold,
Not a Mite Would I Withhold," and in an under-
tone say, "But, Lord, you won't get that 10%."

We are afraid many sing heartily, "Oh, how I
love Jesus," and as an after-thought, "But not
10% worth."

VI

The first 10,000 tithing cards in duplicate with
accompanying leaflet went like the proverbial
"hot cakes." We have 20,000 more off the press.
We have filled delayed orders, and are ready for
others.

Dr. J. D. Franks at Columbus reported 89 tith-
ers to start with, and, they are still working.

Pastor A. B. Pierce, Crystal Springs, reports
183 folks walking the way of "Thus saith the
Lord" about tithes and offerings and His Store-
house.

VII

We recently received \$25.00 for State Missions
from the Chinese Mission at Greenville. Brother
Kern Pratt, great Christian layman, is Superin-
tendent. Doxology!

There is spiritual romance as well as hard
work in this undertaking.

This \$25.00 from the Chinese in Mississippi,
given to winning this State for Christ, is more
than 300 so-called New Testament churches gave
to all mission causes last year. Judges 5:23.

VIII

A leading layman writes: "I have been think-
ing some about the per capita ratio of our State
Mission set-up. 280,000 Baptists with a program
of \$43,750.00 for the year—less than .16c each
for a whole year. We ought to have at least
100,000 who are willing to do something, and
then we would have an average of only .4375c
per year. Our State Mission item should have at
least \$1.00 per year from at least 100,000 of our
Baptist people. \$100,000.00 per annum will begin
an encouraging program in our state. This for
State Missions alone."

IX

Returning from an engagement we tuned in on
a football game between two outstanding teams.
When the visiting team was penalized cheering
could be heard. When the home team was pen-
alized "boos" came over the radio. When the
home team made a touchdown bedlam broke loose.

We thought—where all that poise we hear so
much about in some education? Where all that
dignity enshrined by some? Where all the cool,
collected spirit the "moderns" are supposed to
have?

If some get really enthusiastic about spiritual
needs, or spiritual victories the "wise ones"
frown.

It is true that the disciples were so hilarious
in their new found love and power that their
testimony caused much comment. See Acts 2:12,
13.

It is true that the cultured, learned Paul so
convincingly testified that a governor thought
him mad. See Acts 26:24.

Well, let the comments come. Let us speak on
for Christ!

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND
CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE
1945

HONESTY * LOYALTY * VICTORY

I

We went to one of the safest banks in the
country just to see what was paid on savings.
We were told "one per cent." Then, we went to
the Post Office to see what Uncle Sam paid. We
were told "almost three per cent." We could not
help but think of the "six per cent" Mississippi
Baptists are paying on bonds. We hear of many
people borrowing "four per cent" money. The
Convention Board more recently has been offer-
ed "four per cent" money. Only several thousand
dollars considered, of course.

This is not in criticism of the issuance of the
bonds. Conditions are different NOW.

God's people have enough money to finish pay-
ing these bonds off in three years. This will re-
lease money for evangelism, missions, pastoral
aid, Christian Education, and, every other cause
and agency.

II

We have \$100,000.00 of the \$542,000.00 bonded
indebtedness subscribed. That is good, but the
Now Club will fail unless the tempo is increased.

Shall we fail again? This, when we may suc-
ceed?

The Convention Board unanimously approved
the plan for a not over six months intensive
campaign to place all NOW Club certificates in
January-June, 1941.

Thus, the Board cooperates. Blue Mountain
College is lending Mr. Frank Skilton, a great
professional promotional director to lead in the
Campaign. Mississippi College will help. Field
workers H. T. McLaurin and Gaines S. High-
tower will continue to serve. This office is in it.
W. M. U., The Baptist Record and others are
for it.

Pastors and churches, God-called and Blood-
bought will form the great army of leaders,
workers and participants in VICTORY.

"From over hill and plain there comes the signal
strain,

'Tis loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to Christ;
Its music rolls along, The hills take up the song,
Of Loyalty, loyalty, Yes, loyalty to Christ.
"On to Victory! On to Victory!" Cries our great
Commander; "On!"

We'll move at His command, We'll soon possess
the land,

Thro' loyalty, loyalty, Yes, loyalty to Christ."
HONESTY * LOYALTY * VICTORY

III

No. 915 for \$36, W. M. S., Moss Point, (Mrs.
Forbes Hayes, worker).

No. 916 for \$36, No. 917 for \$36, No. 3 for
\$250, Ellisville W. M. U. and Y. W. A., (Mrs.
Hollis Dennis, worker).

No. 918 for \$36, No. 919 for \$36, each from a
member at Summerland, (Mrs. Hollis Dennis,
worker).

No. 920 for \$36, No. 921 for \$36, W. M. U. of
West Laurel, (Mrs. A. B. Headrick, worker).

No. 922 for \$36, W. M. S. of Zion Hill in Le-
banon, (Mrs. Sexton, worker).

No. 882 for \$36, No. 883 for \$36, No. 884 for
\$36, No. 66 for \$100, No. 279 for \$100, No. 280
for \$100, No. 281 for \$100, No. 282 for \$100, No.
283 for \$100, No. 284 for \$100, No. 285 for \$100,
No. 302 for \$100, No. 324 for \$50, No. 323 for
\$50, No. 325 for \$50, No. 326 for \$50, No. 311
for \$100, each from a member of Jackson, First
Church, (McLaurin, Hightower, field workers).

BR

Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport has recommend-
ed to the directors of Dodd College that the name
of the institution be changed. He says that he
can work for it with less embarrassment if it
does not bear his name. He suggests that the
name be "Louisiana Woman's College."

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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To the many friends that remembered us with Christmas greetings we want to say THANK YOU. We also want to wish every reader of this page a very happy and busy New Year. May each of you have the joy of bearing the fruits of the Spirit in your life each day of 1941.

When you read this page there will only be a few more days before we begin our W. M. U. Institutes. Hope you will make your plans to attend the one nearest you. Let us make the best of preparation for the New Year's work.

Some questions have been asked about signing both stewardship cards—that sent out by Dr. McCall to all churches and the one used by the Woman's Missionary Union. We are printing a duplicate of the one sent by Dr. McCall on this page. Certainly we will want to sign this one along with the other members of the church then you may sign the list of tithers (see outside cover of January Royal Service) provided by your Stewardship Chairman.

Two Hundred Seventy Thousand MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS in a

"THUS SAITH THE LORD,"

Stewardship of Substance Emphasis.

I agree to bring tithes and offerings into God's Storehouse, according to the Scriptures.

Signed.....

Date.....

Note—Total number signing in each church to be reported, at least quarterly to state office, for compilation purposes in state-wide campaign.

ORIGINAL—For church records.

Two Hundred Seventy Thousand MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS in a

"THUS SAITH THE LORD,"

Stewardship of Substance Emphasis.

Out of appreciation for God's Great Gift to me—John 3:16; believing that love requires not less than law—Malachi 3:8-18; desiring to walk in the practises of New Testament brethren—II Corinthians, Chapters 8-9; wishing to participate worthily in the world-wide work of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ—Romans 10:13-15, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15; and recognizing God's ownership as basal—Genesis 1:1-2, Psalm 24:1, I Corinthians 10:26.

I agree to bring tithes and offerings into God's Storehouse, according to the Scriptures.

Signed.....

Date.....

DUPLICATE—To be left in the hands of the Christian signing the statement.

September 29, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Lowrey:

Thank you so very much for your good letter of August 22 and the enclosed check for \$325.00 (U. S.). I deposited the previous check a few days ago, but think I'll keep this one for a while in case of need for money for Mo Kwong elsewhere than in Hong Kong. At least I won't have it cashed immediately. I'm so glad that so far all remains quiet and peaceful here in Hong Kong. We surely hope we may not need to evacuate, but one never knows what may happen these days it seems.

We were distressed over the loss of another of our blind girls last week, with beri-beri. Poor Seam Koo was most distressed about not being able to get the medical attention that she wanted. It is exceedingly difficult to get medical attention here in Hong Kong also. Also doctors and

nurses who are not Christians just do not care! (?) I do not mean that all are like that but just in general it seems them are.

Many of our folks in Mo Kwong and also in Pooi In do have beri-beri. It comes from poor food—undernourishment of course. And there is so much sickness both in Macao and Hong Kong now, to say nothing of Canton and other sections of the country. After more than three years of war and starving the people are just unable to resist disease. It is not necessarily because of being too poor to buy the proper food—though millions are too poor; but the food is just not to be had at any price. You see the food has been destroyed—and people have been driven from farms, etc., and all animals destroyed—so that food just can't be raised.

And then with the blockade on it could not be imported and besides things from a foreign country are just beyond the possibility of being bought by the Chinese.

We just can't get the proper food for either Mo Kwong or Pooi In.

Recently there has been a terrible scourge of cholera here in Kowloon, Hong Kong right around Pooi In. We have all had the cholera shots and of course take every precaution we can.

I'm hoping to go over to Macao this week and see how Mo Kwong is doing. It has just been hard to find the time for in Pooi In this year we have quite a few new teachers and of course that makes heavier work for me. But everything is beginning to get started pretty well now I think.

You have our Miss Dorothy Fung Ping Leung there in Blue Mountain this year. At least she left us to go there. I have not heard, but hope she actually reached you. You will find her a lovely girl I know and a good student too. I hope she may not be homesick or lonely, and I trust too that her body may be stronger there where the air is so fine. I'm so glad she could go, though of course we miss her here.

So glad to get the news that Mrs. Graves and Mrs. Anderson are both better. I'm just so glad you do send me these various news items of the family, and of your work there. Hope the sick ones are all improving. The Lord has indeed provided in marvelous ways that there have been those who could nurse the sick ones. So glad that Auntie and Mrs. Anderson are better before the school opening too.

Truly our country is in a "mess" and it seems that most of the countries are. Just what will happen next we certainly cannot know. Yes, I truly believe that our Lord's return is very near. When the Lord's time comes the remaining unfulfilled prophecies can be fulfilled every rapidly. While it is with joy that we think of His coming, yet there is the sorrow for the millions who know not our Lord and for whom His coming will not be joy. How we should work, and pray, and live for Him!

These days have been exceptionally hot here—almost the hottest of the summer. We hope for cooler weather soon.

Thank you so much for your prayers. How I do need them! And how I do thank the Lord for praying friends.

Blessings upon you and all the friends there.

Affectionately yours,

Flora E. Dodson.

In making plans for studying the January missionary topic, "An Urgent Gospel Where We Live," W. M. U. leaders will find a wealth of material in the January issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions.

The first sub-head under the missionary topic, "Taking Stock for 1941," is the theme of this new issue of the Home Mission magazine.

The leading editorial by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, "Home Missions and the Future," is an appraisal of Home Missions today, a statement of great needs now challenging the Board, and an appeal for a greater mission program in the South.

Rev. J. L. Moye, field secretary of Spanish work in Texas, points out possibilities among the Mexicans in an illuminating article entitled "Mexicans—Present and Future."

"The Mexican of tomorrow," he says, "properly dealt with can and will become a great blessing, but maltreated he may become a menace. There are many Gospel triumphs which seem to be prophetic of what the future holds for the work."

Also indicative of Southern Baptists' responsibility in Home Missions is the pointed discussion by Rev. L. W. Martin, "Mountain Men and Tomorrow."

The mountain missionary insists that Baptists must send more men to his field now. He urges that the scriptural injunction, "Now is the time of salvation," is an admonition for the saved to heed in sending the Gospel.

The January number of Southern Baptist Home Missions also carries a new study of Baptists' responsibility to the Jews by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus.

Other material in the magazine takes stock for 1941 of the work among the Italians, deaf, Negroes, and Cubans.

Also helpful for mission study and general reading will be such popular features as Missionary Illustrations, Questions and Answers on Home Missions, and fresh news and plans on evangelism by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell.

—BR—

The hospital at Cheng Chow, China, outside the Japanese controlled territory has been closed because it was impossible to get supplies to them. Dr. Humphreys was in charge.

We have a letter from a Baptist, presumably, who asks why it is that "Jehovah's Witnesses" can buy gasoline and drive their cars—a long way and distribute their books and other literature for little or nothing, when Baptist books are marked at high prices, out of the reach of many. We may not be able to answer this question satisfactorily, but we would suggest some things to think about, and maybe ask a question or two in return. It may be that the people who distribute their literature at low cost, have more religion than some other folks. Mind you we do not say that they are better Christians. That may be quite different. Paul had as much religion before he was converted as he did afterward. He was zealous for the law, and blameless in it. He said of Jews like himself that they were zealous for God but without knowledge. There are no more zealous people in our knowledge than those complained of. They compass sea and land to make one proselyte, but every convert stops going to church and starts to work on others to keep them from going. They are willing to give their time and their money. That's what makes their literature cheap. Baptists ought to learn from them. The letter of inquiry comes from a "thickly settled community, all of the Baptist faith; and they have no church and no Sunday school." There's where the trouble is. Plenty of folks, but doing nothing. Why doesn't somebody in that community get busy and start something. Why wait for the "witnesses" to come along and take the country. There's something wrong somewhere and you don't have to go all the way to Denmark to find it.

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DR. E. K. COX AS I KNEW HIM By

T. J. Delaughter, Woodville, Miss.

The sudden death of Dr. K. Cox, pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church at Gloster, Miss., was like a piercing dagger to Mississippi Baptists, especially those of us who knew him and were associated with him in his labors. The following lines are written as a result of a six year period of close friendship with Dr. Cox as a pastor in the same association.

Dr. Cox was a TRUE PROPHET. To understand prophets one must go back to the Old Testament and study them. One who has thus studied prophets has found that there are four great qualities that make a true prophet of God, namely: Ecstasy, Exposition, Prediction, and Ethics. To have known the man of God about whom I write was to have known a prophet after God's own making. He truly had the inspiration of the Spirit of God as very few men have ever had. In the matter of exposition no one ever had a clearer grasp of God's message as it is revealed in His book. There are many who would find fault with a prophet of this present day, with respect to his prediction, but not so with this beloved man. He could look at the past and the present and tell you much about the future. But as for the predictive facts of the Scriptures he believed and preached them fearlessly. Finally, with respect to Ethics, there was never a man that had deeper convictions about what was right. He did what was right and stood firmly for it regardless of whether anyone else stood with him or not.

He was a noble PATRIARCH. For one to know his personal life and understand his hardships and burdens was to see him a Job-like faith. On account of the fact that his wife is an invalid and has spent many years in the hospital. Dr. Cox had to be a father and a mother. His children truly loved him and shall cherish and hallow every memory of his life. As a patriarch among preachers he stood head and shoulders above the most of his colleagues. There was not one iota of jealousy ever shown toward a younger preacher. He was the young preacher's friend and rejoiced when

his younger brethren showed signs of progress and development. We shall miss his wise counsel and encouraging comments.

He was a PASSIONATE SOUL WINNER. Never a man had greater concern for the salvation of the lost. The people of Gloster can testify that he prayed for every person, saved or lost, and called him by name. After seventeen years of active ministry in one church surely there wasn't a man, woman, boy or girl that he didn't seek for Christ. He has told this preacher, many times, about his desire to see all men come to the knowledge of the truth and experience the new birth.

Dr. Cox was a Perennial Student. No one could ever accuse him of not having a fresh message from God. It could never have been said that E. K. Cox was a good pastor and a good preacher, but "He has just quit studying."

The four books which have come from the press, the many articles which he wrote for denominational papers, and the manuscripts which have never been published reveal a penetrating, master mind and years of constant study. All of us who knew his life as a student will do well to emulate his example and thereby be enabled to bring forth treasures from the Bible new and old.

He was a Pastor with the Shepherd's Heart. One of his members has well said. "He loved us better than we loved ourselves." As has already been mentioned, he spent many nights praying for his people while they were sleeping. His flock will miss his wise counsel and tender sympathy. It was an art learned in the school of experience, but he could bind up the broken hearted and truly enter into their sorrows.

He was an Ardent Prohibitionist. He was at his best when he could stand with his hands behind him and pour out fire and brimstone on the liquor crowds and their damning traffic. Bro. Elisha Gardner once said. "If I were to write, on paper, what I think about liquor and its influence it would burn up the paper on which it was written". The same could have been said about Dr. Cox. How we shall miss his voice, that cracked like a whip, in the interest of temperance and righteousness.

Finally, he was a Plain Friend. Few men have meant more to the writer, as a personal, friend, than has Dr. Cox. He was a friend that could ride with you for miles and never say a word. He was a friend that could know all about you and still be your friend. Truly the friendship of this man's life has cast its permanent shadow across the lives of multitudes, especially preachers, and shall be loved, cherished and hallowed until the Lord comes again.

B. S. U. AT MISS. SOUTHERN

We have just closed the first three months of our 1940-41 session. About a week before the opening of our fall quarter we had a meeting of our pastors and religious leaders from the city of Hattiesburg and the college campus to make plans for the religious work on our cam-

pus for the 1940-41 session.

It seems that much good has come from this meeting. Many of the older members of the faculty say the spirit of fellowship and the spiritual atmosphere on the campus has been the best ever during our fall quarter.

I have enrolled 38 students in my Volunteer Bible Class, and they have spent 275 hours in the class room studying the Word of God. Our Y. W. A. has excelled all the records since I have been on the campus. Much credit is due Miss Katie Ruth Moak, our efficient president. We had on our campus for two days Miss Edwina Robinson our State-wide Y. W. A. leader. She also brought Miss Pender one of our missionaries who delivered a great message to our girls. We plan to have Miss Robinson for a longer stay during the winter quarter. Students have been very loyal to attend Sunday school in our city churches. In November we had brother E. C. Williams, state S. S. secretary, and also Mr. M. V. Washburn, representing our S. S. Board from Nashville, to spend a few hours on our campus in a Sunday school conference. Many of our students and city church leaders took part on the program. We always welcome our state and southwide leaders to visit us. Under the leadership of Miss Grace Powell and Mr. Roy Phillips our B. Y. P. U. has done excellent work. We have just had our associational-wide B. T. U. meeting. Our Life Service Band under the leadership of Miss Marjorie Frith is just getting up steam to do some real work in the Master's Vineyard during our winter and spring quarters. We have already made three or four trips and have several invitations to visit our churches and schools during our winter and spring quarters. Our B. S. U. Council had student night just before we dismissed for the Christmas holidays. At our Vesper Service we put on a play showing the birth of Jesus. Our B. S. U. Council, under the leadership of Miss Mary Maude Thetford is one of the best.

About thirty of our students attended our State B. S. U. Convention at M. S. C. W. in October. One of our students, Miss Mary Maude Thetford, was elected first vice-president of our State Convention.

I attended our regular State Convention at Jackson in November and had the privilege of speaking before the convention in behalf of our B.

S. U. work in Mississippi. I also had the happy privilege of attending a Southwide student secretary's meeting in Nashville December 3-5, the first of its kind to be held in the South. Dr. Frank H. Leavell and our Sunday School Board knew how to entertain us. Also they knew how to make us work while we were in Nashville. But our work was a great enlightenment and pleasure to us. I think much good will come from our Nashville meeting.

We are putting on some programs over our radio station here in Hattiesburg. I'm also writing a sermonette to our college paper each week. We have had one conversion and several dedications during our fall quarter. One young man surrendered to preach.

Visit us at your convenience.

C. S. Moulder,

COMMENDING PASTOR STREET

Whereas The Reverend James H. Street has been the pastor of West Laurel Baptist Church for the past three years, and

Whereas he has received and answered a call to serve the members of the Baptist Church of Durant, Miss., in the same capacity, Be It Resolved:

That we, the members of the Official Board of West Laurel Methodist Church, speaking both for our church and ourselves, express our regrets that our community is thus to be deprived of his Christian leadership and brotherly fellowship;

That we express to him and to Mrs. Street our thanks for their untiring efforts to build the Kingdom of God in our midst;

That we commend this Christian gentleman and devoted pastor to the people of Durant;

That we pray God's richest blessing to be upon brother Street and his household as they move to their new field of labor.

Be it Further Resolved:

That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to

The Reverend James H. Street, the Board of Deacons of West Laurel Baptist Church, the Board of Deacons of Durant Baptist Church, and The Baptist Record.

Signed:

Mark F. Lytle, Pastor; John R. Hilton, Chairman; Jack Upchurch, Sec.; C. M. Smith, W. G. Glenn, I. O. Fowler, Nick Gratt, J. W. Burnett, F. A. Russell, Geo. F. Rice, H. O. Houston, Tom Wood, Ira Jirdaer.
Dec. 19, 1940.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by
L. Bracey Campbell

Lesson for January 5, 1941

Jesus and Human Affliction
Bible Text: Luke 13

I. Final Human Affliction Will Be Visited Upon Men In Accord With Their Spiritual State. Vs. 1-5.

Reference is made to two calamitous occurrences. A company of Galileans had been massacred while in the very act of worship. They had been killed while offering their sacrifices, presumably in the temple at Jerusalem. They had no doubt been guilty of some act of rebellion against the Roman government, so Pilate, then in Jerusalem to preserve order during the feast, sent his soldiers and had the Galileans killed.

A tower had fallen upon some men and had killed them—the Lord said there were eighteen of these men. They had stood within the danger limit of an unsafe building, and they had been killed in consequence. They had disregarded the natural law in obedience to which the tower fell.

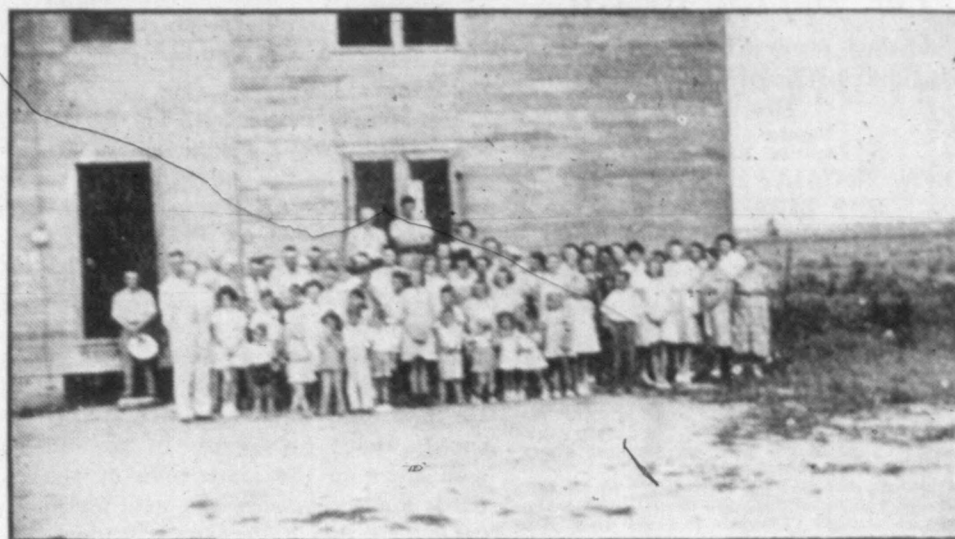
Taking these two incidents as illustrations, Jesus elevates the lessons taught by them into the spiritual sphere and says that, men who do not repent will be as certainly destroyed as were the massacred Galileans in the first case, and the slain men at Siloam in the other. But here we have that question of repentance coming up again. To repent means, fundamentally, to turn around, to change the direction of one's walk; to change one's mind, so think differently; to think differently about sin, about self, about the world, about God; to change one's way of living, living no longer for one's self but for the Lord. Repentance means more than being sorry for one's sin, it means deliberately turning from one's sin. Repentance is one aspect of confession of Christ and faith toward Him. One who does not care to turn from his sins, will not be found turning to Christ; but one who turns to Christ will be found to turn from his sins.

II. A Miracle of Healing and the Teaching Which Followed it. Vs. 10-17.

Read this passage. I quote from the great preacher Spurgeon at length. "Eighteen years of happiness!—the years fly like Mercuries with wings to their heels: they come, and they are gone. Eighteen years of happy life,—how short a span! But eighteen years of pain, eighteen years of being bowed down to the earth, eighteen years in which the body approximated rather to the body of a brute than that of a man, what a period this must be! Eighteen long years—each with 12 dreary months dragging like a chain behind it! She had been eighteen years under the bond of the devil; what a woe was this! Can a child of God be eighteen years in despondency? I am bound to answer, 'Yes.' There is one instance, that of Mr. Timothy Rogers, who has written a book upon Religious Melan-

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH (Sunflower County) A FRUIT OF STATE MISSION WORK

Bethany church is situated on the U. S. Government project, known as Sunflower plantation. The church was organized with 5 members. After a meeting led by State Evangelist, Rev. E. D. Estes, the membership was 40 and the latest report showed 65 members.



choly, a very wonderful book too, who was, I think, twenty eight years in despondency; he tells the story himself, and there can be no question as to his accuracy. Similar instances are well known to those familiar with religious biographies. Individuals have been locked up for many years in the gloomy den of despair, and yet, after all, have been singularly brought out into joy and comfort. Eighteen years of despondency must be a frightful affliction, and yet there is an escape out of it, for though the devil may take 18 years to forge a chain, it does not take our blessed Lord eighteen minutes to break it. He can soon set the captive free."

The poor woman, bowed down with her infirmity could not see as well as the taller members of the congregation in the synagogue that day. She was no doubt stooped to a height not greater than half the normal height of a healthy person. There are those all about us who are bowed down. But though they who are bowed thus can not see very well, there is an eye which regards them, and it is the same that fixed its gaze upon this sick woman in the synagogue. The eye of the Lord glanced at the others, but it gazed upon her. It is always thus with Him. He sees the man or the woman who has need of Him.

And where He sees need, there He will extend help. It was so in the case of this woman, it will always be so.

THE BAPTIST RESCUE MISSION

Doing the Work of Jesus. Lk. 4:18.

The Home Mission Board operates an institution in New Orleans about which we need to know if we are to give to it and pray intelligently for it.

"The Spirit of the Lord" must be united with the preaching of the gospel if the work is to go forward and souls saved. This is done at the Mission.

Both men and women are cared for by the ministry of the Mission. Many of these respond to the invitation to come to Christ.

We do the work of Christ as shown by the following:

1. The Poor Have the Gospel Preached.

This includes both those that are poor in spirit and poor in material possessions. A young man replied upon being invited to stay for an after service, "I did not come to Christ when I had a good job. Sure-

ly he would not take me now." After explanation and prayer he quietly surrendered himself.

2. The Broken Hearted Are Healed.

Sin brings many heartaches. The confusion and complexity of life that is brought about by sin is not easily unraveled. A young woman who had been cared for by our Woman's Home during the birth of an illegitimate child said: "My life is in too much of a mess. I can never be happy. It seems that I am not in the book for happiness." To her went words of encouragement and cheer, to which she graciously responded.

3. Captives Are Preached Deliverance.

Sin and habit bind a man so completely that he often will tell you that he cannot be saved. Such a one will tell you that he is too bad for God to save him. "Would you not confess your sin and let Jesus save you?" the worker asked. To which he replied, "You don't know me. I have done everything. God would not save a sinner like me." At first it appeared that he was boasting about his wickedness, but soon it was apparent that he was in dead earnest. Many passages of Scripture were given that showed that God would save him if he would repent of his sins and trust Jesus. Both went down on their knees. Soon he was confessing his sins. As he arose you could easily see that there had been a contact with the Savior.

4. The Spiritually Blind Receive Sight.

Physical blindness is one of our sad experiences. One's heart goes out to one who is blind. So many beauties and blessings are denied one who cannot see.

Far worse than physical blindness is spiritual blindness, as the rich blessings of God are missed.

"I am not a sinner. I do not need to repent." It required only a few verses of God's word to convince him that he was not only a sinner, but that he was a desperate and wicked sinner, as well as blinded to his own sad condition. Confessing his sin, he arose with the most transformed face I ever saw.

5. The Bruised Are Set At Liberty.

The scars and bruises that are caused by sin are appalling. These mark men for all their lives often. The inner man, too, must be scarred with bitterness, sorrow and disappointment.

After having travelled over most of the world, committing sin of every description, and in a drunken state, he walked in. He heard the gospel preached in its simplicity. He remained for the after service. His testimony now is, "Thank God for that night at the Mission." He often gives testimony in our services, helping other men to see what the grace of God has done for him, and that it can do for them.

6. The Acceptable Year of the Lord Is Preached.

It is a wonderful thing about God's grace, it is always ready, day or night, for the poor and needy soul that calls upon God. It is not for man to set the season, but rather to accept and use the one that has already been set by "one that doeth all things well."

A young couple came, bothered about their sin and asked that they be remembered in our prayers, indicating that they would look into the sin matter later, but that it was not to be considered as important for the time being. "I shall be glad to pray for you, but I would much prefer to pray with you now." Hesitating, they bowed with the worker, and after he had prayed earnestly for them they became convicted and cried for mercy and trusted Christ.

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Happy New Year To All! May abundant blessings of His riches come to you during the New Year.

Sunday School Convention

The Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Convention for 1941 meets at Water Valley on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 4, 5. Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will speak twice before the convention.

Be sure and SAVE that date! March 4, 5, 1941.

Associational Meetings

During the last two weeks of January—January 20-February 1—a one-day meeting will be held in every association in the state to plan for the Sunday school and vacation Bible school work of 1941.

Sunday School Board workers, State Sunday School Department workers, many pastors, associational Sunday school superintendents, moderators, state Elementary workers, associational Sunday school workers, and others will be on the program.

There are six teams of three members each all ready and waiting for the time to begin. The programs, schedules, team line-ups, free literature, etc., are all prepared and are now being sent out to pastors, superintendents, associational workers, moderators and others in every association.

These two weeks promise to be the greatest promotional work we have ever done. No one has to go far to get to the meeting. Let's all work hard and pray harder that these few days may be used mightily of the Lord in this great promotional work for this year.

Brother pastor, superintendent, and associational officers, do not leave anything undone to get your people out to the meeting in your association. It is not a busy time of the year with many people, so let us take advantage of this and make it count.

The slogan is: Get The People Out To The Meeting!

Shuqualak Standard!

The last school to come in on the Standard list during 1940 was from Shuqualak, Rev. Willis A. Brown, pastor, and Mr. W. G. Holliman, superintendent.

This is the first time in the history of that church that the Sunday school has reached the Standard, and we rejoice with them in the achievement of this worthy program. It is evidence of wise and capable leadership always when a school becomes Standard.

Thank you for the good work, and congratulations.

Hardy Report In!

A report of a fine study course has recently come to us from the church at Hardy in Grenada County. We appreciate this, and especially so since it was the first such report from that association in 1940.

They made their own plans, provided the teacher and went ahead



Mother Berry cutting the birthday cake presented to her as a part of the pageant during Blue Mountain College Homecoming.

HOME MISSION NEWS

Signs of the Times, a new book being published by the Home Mission Board, has been announced to be ready for delivery by Jan. 15.

Sixty-five were converted in recent meetings held by Rev. Percy Ray, Home Board Missionary.

Home Mission Board receipts in November totaled \$36,094.73, an increase of \$3,449.37, or 10%, over the same month last year.

Hundred Thousand Club offerings, showing an increase over the same month last year, brought to the Home Mission Board in November \$4,870.61 to be paid on debts.

Out of 102 in attendance at the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans at a recent Sunday night service, eighteen made public professions of faith, according to Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, superintendent of the mission.

We are happy to bring, at the beginning of this new year, a hopeful and victorious message. Home Missions was never more prosperous, progressive and popular than now.—J. B. Lawrence.

The Jew of today has not had his chance until the Gospel has been offered to him.—Jacob Gartenhaus.

Eighteen anniversary services of the North Boulevard Baptist Church, Italian mission in Tampa, were conducted recently according to Rev. Harry A. Day, Home Board missionary.

We are not doing nearly all that should be done in our Home Mission work. Last year sixty-four distinctly new fields made their appeal to the Board that we were unable to

with the course and had good results. We thank all of them for the cooperation in the training program.

enter because of lack of funds.—J. B. Lawrence.

An indication of real hunger for spiritual help is being found by Dr. J. W. Gardner, Home Board missionary to the deaf, in an extensive tour among the deaf throughout the South.

The first work of the Home Mission Board among the Chinese was begun in 1923 in San Antonio under the direction of Miss Ollie Lewellyn, who still remains on that field after seventeen years.

In less than one year the membership in a mission church in Santo Domingo, Cuba, has grown from nine to thirty, according to Rev. Frank Ramirez, Home Board missionary.

The Christmas season is affording many opportunities to reach Mexican people on his field with the Gospel, according to Rev. C. Hernandez Rios, Home Board missionary.

The circulation of Southern Baptist Home Missions is over 45,000.

"We read and pray, we sing and pray, we hear and pray, and we bring our offerings with a prayer in our hearts" is what the members of the Mexican church in San Angelo, Texas, are saying, writes Rev. D. Ruiz, pastor.

A NEW PATH IN CHRISTIAN TRAINING

Associational Missionary, Rev. Harold D. Gregory, has blazed a new path for the training of mission pastors and Christian workers in and about Nashville, Tenn.

He has successfully launched a 20 weeks night school, meeting each Tuesday and Thursday night in the Y. M. C. A. with three class periods each night, taught by approved and compensated teachers and following subjects offered by the Correspondence Department of the Baptist Bible Institute. Each student pays a registration fee of five dollars and ten dollars for each subject he follows, or thirty five dollars if he takes all of the work being offered, as each one is doing at present. The

Bible Institute issues its correspondence department certificate for the work done and should students later enter the Institute in New Orleans this work will be credited upon the diploma courses.

The subjects being followed at present are: Personal Evangelism (Sellers) taught by Dr. E. B. Crain; Christ of the Gospels (Shepard) taught by Rev. Guard Green; and Synthetic Bible Studies (Gray) taught by Rev. L. G. Mosley. An advisory committee of Nashville pastors, Dr. L. S. Ewton, Dr. H. B. Cross, and Rev. John D. Barbee are assisting in supervising and promoting the work.

It was the privilege of President W. W. Hamilton and Prof. E. O. Sellers to attend a recent session of the "extension unit" when nearly twenty students were present. Both of these men were much gratified over the work being done and hope to see a wide extension of similar groups throughout the southland. Any who might be interested are urged to correspond with Prof. E. O. Sellers, secretary of the correspondence department of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MRS. MAEBELL IONA HOWARD MOORE

At the age of 55 Mrs. Moore entered the Father's House on Dec. 4, 1940. She was a faithful member of Concord Church for 20 years. Left to mourn her going are her husband, Mr. S. E. Moore, four daughters and two sons. Also five sisters and two brothers. One son, her father, mother and one brother preceded her. She also left seven nephews.—A Friend.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear Children:

Another year is opening for us. We can use only one day at a time. We can not change the yesterdays and we can't spend the tomorrows but we can fill today with useful, purposeful, joyful living.

May I call your attention to the letter from the Intermediate Department of the Waynesboro Sunday School? When 1940 began, they wrote stating that they planned to send a gift of one dollar a month to go through the Children's Circle. Every month a letter has come bearing that donation. This probably does not mean a large offering from any one individual, but when all contribute regularly, (and I'd like to underline that word regularly) it all together makes a most helpful offering. May I commend this as a worthy example to some other individuals or departments or classes or auxiliaries? It would be such a fine thing if many would undertake to do this for the year 1941. What new life it would give to the causes which we sponsor! Our contributions to the orphanage and our B. B. I. scholarship would soar! Think it over. Perhaps your class or department would like to try it.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

1941—Happy New Year—1941

There are two new year wishes I'd like to make for each one of you. The first is that you shall be happy. I'm not wishing for you great possessions or wonderful trips or any of those things which as usually so coveted, but I am hoping that whether you are blessed with a wealth of things or not, that you will have that more precious gift of happiness. Remember that it isn't so much what we have or where we are that counts, but it is what we do with what we have where we are. Happiness comes from within us. We can't chase happiness and expect to overtake it, but if we fill our lives with helpfulness, unselfishness, and right purposes, we will find happiness overtaking us. My first wish for you is happiness.

My second wish for you is growth. I'm not simply wishing that you may grow taller or fatter. Certainly, I do wish for you normal, healthy, physical growth, so that your height and weight are sufficient, but I also hope that you may grow mentally and spiritually, that you may know more and your mind be more alert, and that you may also increase in your love of and likeness to God. When this year of 1941 is closed, may it be possible to say of each child in our circle that he "increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

I have no fairy wand that I may wave and make these wishes come true. You, with the help of the Heavenly Father, are the only one who can make them come to pass. I hope you will.

Carthage, Miss., Dec. 12, 1940
Dear Mrs. Steele:

I go to school and enjoy it. I am so glad that I can go to school, for I am not able to do much at home. I am a member of Midway Church and a member of Sunrise Sunday School.

Our pastor is Bro. A. A. Ward and he has such a sweet wife. I love them both. I am enclosing ten cents for the orphans. I want all who read this to continue to pray for me. I am wishing for one and all a happy new year. With love to you and the orphans.

Connie Wilcher.

Connie, we hope everything will soon be all right with you. Thank

you for your gift and your good wishes.—F. L. S.

Taylor, Miss., Dec. 15, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have been away a long time, but here I come with one dollar. Divide it between the orphans and the B. B. I. scholarship. Joyce and Marvel Austin are my two sweet grand girls and they are both Christians. May God bless you in your work.

With love,

Mrs. M. G. Austin.

Dear Mrs. Austin, we have missed hearing from you, but we were glad to hear from those granddaughters. We felt as if we were keeping in touch with you that way. It will be a pleasure to use your gift as you request. Thank you.—F. L. S.

Merigold, Miss., R. 2 Box 220
December 13, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have been reading the Baptist Record for two years and I enjoy the Children's Circle very much. I know that the Lord will bless those who lend a helping hand to make the orphan Children's Christmas a merry one. I am enclosing a dollar to help make it a merry Christmas for them. If everyone would send something it would help a lot more than they know.

I am wishing for all of the circle a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Your friend,

Thelma West.

I'm sure, Thelma, that if Christmas at the orphanage was a happy one, it is because many helped to make it so. Thank you very much for your part.—F. L. S.

Gholson, Miss., Dec. 14, 1940.
Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are three sisters. This is our first time to write to the Children's Circle. We go to church every Sunday that we can. We enjoyed the letter from the B. B. I. girl very much. Wishing you and all the children a happy new year, we are

Yours, truly,

Edna Mae Conner,

Mable E. Conner,

Willie Amelia Conner.

Thank you, girls, for your good new year wishes and for the contribution which you enclose. Although you did not tell me to, I am placing your gift to the credit of our scholarship for Miss Lynn Fleming, because I see you are interested in her.—F. L. S.

Enterprise, Miss.,
December 14, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here comes the True Blue Girls of Enterprise again! On Promotion Day we received five (5) new members.

We are beginning to think of and plan for Christmas. Last year our teacher gave us a "Kitchen Party." She entertained us in her kitchen which has a large open fireplace. We arrived about two o'clock P. M. and sat around the fire studying our S. S. lesson for the next Sunday. Then we played games while Mrs. Dear made a pot of cocoa on the hot coals. This she served to us, with marshmallows and tea cakes. She let us toast and eat the remainder of the marshmallows in the box. By this time it was beginning to get late, and we were told to pass out through the dining room and help ourselves to the fruit that was on the table, so we would have something to eat as we walked home.

For a Christmas gift she gave each of us the book of Genesis and asked us to read it through before next Christmas. She also gave each

"The Ten Commandments In A Nut Shell." She had written Luke 10:27 on a tiny slip of paper, sealed it inside of an English Walnut shell, and tied a red ribbon around it. She asked us to memorize the verse. We have all had a birthday during the past year and we are sending the sum of our ages in money for the orphans and B. B. I. girl.

Merry Christmas to you!

Ruth McKee, President.

Mrs. Hardy Dear, Teacher.

Well, True Blue Girls, it is like receiving a Christmas present to get this cheery letter. Then when your gift of a dollar and a half falls out for the orphanage and the scholarship, well, there is the Christmas gift, sure enough! Thank you every one, and we're not forgetting the good teacher either.—F. L. S.

Sontag, Miss., Dec. 15, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have written once before to the circle. I surely do enjoy the letters in the Children's Circle each time. We got our Christmas tree today and have it decorated beautifully and are looking forward to old Santa's visiting it. I hope he will be good to you and in fact everybody.

While sitting by the fire this evening studying, a poem came to my mind. Here is part of it.

"Jesus died for our sin

If we will take him in.

On the hill of Calvary

There he died for you and me.

Your friend,

Marguerite Nation.

Marguerite, I hope that in this new year of 1941 that every boy and girl of the Children's Circle will "take him in." The greatest thing any of us can do is just to open the door of our hearts and say "Into my heart, into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."—F. L. S.

State Line, Miss.,

December 16, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl ten years old and I am in the fifth grade. Mr. W. L. Robertson is my teacher. He is a very good teacher too. I have just finished reading the Children's Circle. I enjoy it very much. This is the first time I have ever written to the Children's Circle. I would like very much to join. I go to church every Sunday if I am not sick. Brother John Ira Hill is our pastor. He is a very good one too.

Your friend,

Anene Irby.

There is a place waiting just for you in the Children's Circle. We are glad for you to fill it. We welcome you.—F. L. S.

Thaxton, Miss., Dec. 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

The second and third grades of the Lone Star school are sending one dollar to help pay Santa Claus for his gifts to the little orphans on Christmas day.

With love from these two grades and their teacher,

Mrs. W. F. Todd.

I hope Santa Claus was good to every one of these boys and girls who helped him to visit the children at the orphanage. We thank each contributor and their thoughtful teacher, especially.—F. L. S.

Waynesboro, Miss., Dec. 18, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed find \$1.00 from the members of the Intermediate Department S. S. of the Waynesboro Baptist Church. Please apply fifty cents to the Orphanage and fifty cents to the B. B. I. Student. This completes our twelve dollars for the year 1940. Wishing you and all the circle a Happy New Year, we are

Yours truly,

Sunday School Dept.

Dear Intermediate Department, I doubt if you realize how much good your regular letters with their unflinching contributions have done. You have been an inspiration and encouragement to me besides the benefit which has come to the orphanage and our scholarship student from your gifts. We want you

to know that we appreciate you.—F. L. S.

1207 Central Street,
Jackson, Miss.,

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my third time to write to the Circle. I wonder if you remember me. I'm thirteen years old now, and in the eighth grade at school.

I am sending some questions that the children might enjoy.

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. Of what race was Jesus?
3. What were the three gifts given by the wise men to the Christ child?

4. What was the name of Jesus' mother?

5. Where are the two Christmas passages found in the Bible?

Please, won't some one write me a letter? I might not know you, but that doesn't make any difference. I'm wishing for all a happy new year. I am sending a small offering for the B. B. I. student.

Yours friend,

Mary Frances Byrd.

Mary Frances, we surely do remember hearing from you before, and we are delighted to hear from you again. I hope someone or more will answer your Christmas questions. Thank you for this welcome assistance to our scholarship fund.—F. L. S.

Mize, Mississippi,

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We are the north circle of the Liberty Church Sunbeam band.

We are sending a small offering to the orphans.

Sincerely,

Their Leader.

Thank you, Sunbeams, for this gift to the orphans. A happy new year to you all.—F. L. S.

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Mother asked her six-year-old what loving-kindness meant.

"Well," he said, "when I ask you for a piece of bread and butter and you give it to me, that's kindness, but when you put jam on it, that's loving-kindness!"

BR

There are some who try to shield all the scepticism and infidelity of the false prophets, by crying "Here-sy-hunter," whenever somebody points out the sophistry and fallacy of the rationalistic religious leaders, whether they be in the pulpit or in the editor's chair. That sort of humbuggery is too patent to fool anybody with average common sense. And no man who loves God and His Word is going to be estopped from calling attention to the destructive critics of the word of God, by such infantile tactics. One of the tricks of the rationalists, after saying or writing something which tends to discredit the word of God is to put out a smoke screen by telling how much they value the Bible. You can't throw suspicion on the divine authority of the word of God and then cover it up by patting the cover on it and saying "After all it is a good thing to have around."



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Mississippi Training Union 1941 General Schedule

Take a red pencil and mark your 1941 calendar for these general statewide Training Union activities. Make your plans to lead your union to cooperate in them all.

January 1-3—Southwide Conference, Memphis. This will be history when you receive this, but even at that mark it down, and if you did not get to attend, order a copy of the printed proceedings.

March—Study Course Month. Every union is urged to observe one week in March having every member, as far as possible, to take the study course.

June 9-30—District Training Union Conventions. Bible Stories by Story Hour members; Memory Work by Junior Union members; Sword Drill by Intermediate Union Members; Speaking by B. Y. P. U. members. We will have dates and places for each convention ready for announcement soon.

July and August — Our special summer promotional program will be carried on. We hope to use a hundred volunteers this year. If you have had experience in Training Union work and are interested in helping this summer, drop us a card.

September — Enlargement Campaign month. Every church is reorganizing their work and it is suggested that this is the ideal time for each church to put on an enlargement campaign designed to reach all un-enlisted church members for training.

October 27-30—Statewide associational rally campaign (subject to change).

November 20-22—State Training Union Convention.

December 25th—Santa Claus!

Results of The Associational Rallies

Many expressions of appreciation have come in from all over the state regarding the recent associational rallies. No doubt these meetings proved to be the most helpful thing we have been able to do for the associational officers, and incidentally for the state at large. Every association was visited by a team, and with few exceptions a good attendance and excellent program was enjoyed. Over five hundred churches were represented in the meetings, a third of the churches in the state, and nearly 4,000 individuals attended the meetings and close to 300 individuals served on program. A number of expressions of which the following are samples:

"A complete organization was set up in each of the associations where it was not already perfected. Our

team leader and all the workers did excellent work. I am personally grateful to you and the Sunday School Board. I am planning to put into practice in all of my churches things which we were able to stress this week."

"We have finished a task which in my judgement will prove to be profitable for many years to come."

"The Associational conferences have been a success. Schedule of meetings and definite goals and aims were set up in all associations. The conferences have proved a blessing to all team members. We thank you for giving us the opportunity, and if the team leader can ever serve you in any of our work please do not hesitate to call on him."

"With hearts filled with joy and appreciation we completed our weeks work last night in our associational B. T. U. Conferences. This work has been an inspiration to us and we feel will contribute much to the growth and development of the Training Union work in these five associations. We have planned some definite extension work and training for our district for the next year."

"This was, perhaps, the most lucky "lick" that has been struck for our section recently."

"The Scott Co. Association raised money to send their Training Union Director to the Southwide Training Union Conference in Memphis."

"The Philadelphia Church offered to employ an Educational Director for Neshoba Co. Association."

"Let me thank you again and again for asking me to help in the associational meetings. I have a vision of the need for, and the possibilities of Training Union work that I wouldn't exchange for anything."

"Our one day Associational Conference was very, very helpful. As Associational Director I must confess that before the conference I did not have sufficient information on the needs of our association to launch a campaign."

These, and many others, lead us to rejoice in the cooperation of our forces, to thank the Lord for letting us help in His great plan of promotion, and to look forward to the next week of this special associational emphasis, which will be the last week in October unless necessity requires a change in date.

New Hope Church, Sunflower Co.

The New Hope church was organized less than a year ago by Brother E. D. Estes, one of our State Evangelists. The church was organized properly, starting off with organizations necessary for teaching and training the members. The Intermediate Union sends us a good report of their work. Mrs. E. F. Shutes is the leader, Sadie West, President, Mary Quinn, Vice President, Frances Bibb, Secretary,

James Bridges, B. R. L., Roselle Shillings and Robert Griffin, Group Captains. They began with eight members and have grown to twenty members. Quoting from the president, Sadie West to whom we are indebted for this report, "Our Union has progressed much and the members are gradually taking part in the church services. We, remembering our aim "Training in Church Membership" feel that we are being well rewarded for our work, and pray that God will continue to hear our prayers and guide us in all that we undertake to do."

His friends in Mississippi were glad to have a brief visit during the holidays of Pastor J. H. Kyzar, now of First Church, Laurens, S. C. He says that the Lord is blessing his church abundantly. It has become necessary to employ an educational secretary as assistant to the pastor.

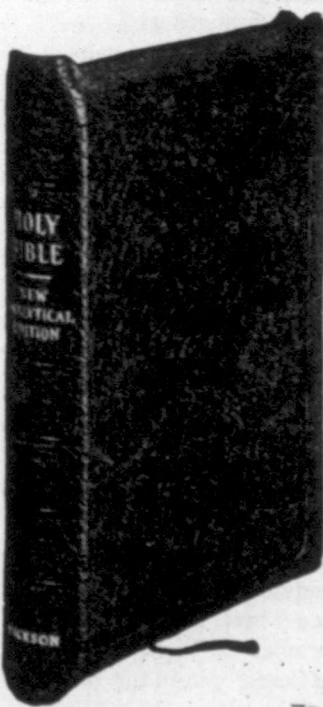
If you have any such experience as this writer, you will be amazed when you read the Bible through, to find how much it has to say about false prophets. Peter says, "But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers." And you will find words from Jesus to the same effect in Mt. 7:15; 24:11; Mk. 13:22, etc.

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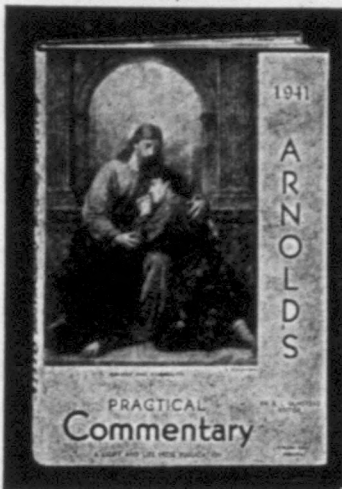
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The sad-looking contractor scanned the menu card with a hopeless air. "You may bring me a dozen friend oysters," he said at last.

"Ise awfully sorry, boss, the colored waiter apologized. "But de fact is, we's outer all shellfish 'ceptin aigs."

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"AFTER THE DUE ORDER"

The Philistines had captured the ark of God, but had sent it back to the land of Israel, in a new cart. Then the Israelites undertook to carry it in Philistine style: that is, in a new cart. But that was not the way God had commanded Moses to move the ark about. The result was that one of the men that drove the cart put his hand on the ark to keep it from turning over—for the oxen had stumbled—and God struck him dead on the spot.

So they left the ark of God in the house of Obadiah for awhile. But after awhile David longed for the ark of God to be brought back to the place he had prepared for it, and this is what he did.

He gathered all Israel together and said: I Chron. 15:2, "None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God and to minister unto Him forever." He said moreover I Chron. 15:12, "Ye are the chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel unto the place that I have prepared for it. For because ye did it not at the first, the Lord God made a breach upon us, for that we sought Him not after the due order." It is tremendously important to seek God after the due order.

As strange as it may seem to some people, God is sovereign; He is infinite in wisdom and in knowledge, and He knows what is right and wrong in every particular. He has purposes to perform, and He has ways and means to bring about the fulfillment of them. And He has a will to do what He wants to do, and the way He wants to do it; and when men try to do things contrary to His purposes, and not after the due order He will not tolerate it.

He told Moses exactly how to build the tabernacle and everything pertaining to it, and He said to Moses: "And look that thou make them after their pattern which was showed thee in the mount."

King Saul lost his kingdom and lost his life because he would not seek God after the due order, but persisted to seek Him in his own self will. King Uzziah was smitten with leprosy because he transgressed against the Lord his God by going into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense. His sin was the same as King Saul's, trying to seek God, not after the due order.

Nadab and Abih were stricken dead by the hand of God, because they did not seek Him after the due order.

Even Moses was deprived of entering into the Land of Promise because he refused to obey God after the due order at the waters of Meribah.

I could give more Old Testament examples but this is enough.

Now we will come to the New Testament to study the due order of approach to God in this the twentieth century.

In Hebrews 11:6 we read: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and

that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

We have been plainly told that our only way of approach to God is through our Great High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. He offered Himself the supreme sacrifice for our sins and made atonement for us with His own precious blood. Then He said: "No man cometh to the Father but by me."

It could not be written any plainer than it is written in Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Men are not saved any other way, for it is the due order.

It is also written I Cor. 1:21: "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." It is God's due order, and men who rebel against it are lost. God has plainly told us, Jno. 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That is the due order.

God plainly tells us again, II Cor. 5:19, That He was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. Then He tells us how it was; Hear Him! "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." Now that was and is the due order, and when God accepted the sacrifice, the offering that Christ made for us, then God was satisfied or reconciled. Now He tells us: "Be ye reconciled to God." How? By accepting the same sacrificial offering that He made for us just as God accepted it. How did God accept it? He accepted it by being fully satisfied with it. Are you—dear reader—fully satisfied with the sacrifice that Christ made for you? Do you rest fully on Him for your salvation? Are you reconciled? If not, you have not sought God after the due order.

What is the due order? Eph. 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Remember the Lord said, Jno. 6:47, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." The due order is to believe Him; believe what He said; then claim what He promised. Then rest, with it all in His hands.

J. E. Heath,
Winona, Miss., Route 2.

B. S. U.

State officers for the Mississippi Baptist Student Union met at Belhaven College last Friday and Saturday, December 13-14, for the first B. S. U. officers' planning meeting ever held in the state. Billy Watson, president from Ellisville and Jones County Junior College presided at the meeting.

The group discussed, among other important problems, the annual B. S. U. spring retreat, the annual B. S. U. state convention, the establishment of a state newspaper, and Mississippi representation at Ridgecrest for next summer.

The officers were entertained at

a supper in the Belmont Cafe Friday evening by students of Belhaven College. Tom Douglas, third vice-president, led devotionals at intervals throughout the two days' activities.

Tentative dates set for important state meetings were April 25-27, 1941, for the Spring Retreat, and October 17-19, 1941, for the State Convention. Plans were discussed for issuing a state publication for Baptist students. It is expected that the first issue will appear the latter part of February.

Officers present were:

President, Billy Watson of Ellisville and Jones County Junior College.

Second Vice-President, Jane Majure of Newton and Blue Mountain College.

Third Vice-President, Tom Douglas of Meridian and Mississippi College.

Secretary, Eileen Ferguson of Walnut Grove and Mississippi College.

Reporter, John Harper of Vicksburg and Mississippi State College.

Ridgecrest Representative, Juanita Montgomery of Laurel and Miss. State College for Women.

Baptist Student Representative, Eva Lois Davis, of Jackson and Belhaven College.

Jr. College Representative, Andy Moak of Ruth and Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

Among others present were:

Cleo Harris, past state B. S. U. president from Mississippi College and Memphis; Martha Frances Jones, president of Millsaps B. S. U. Council from Jackson; Dorothy Wallace, president of Meridian Junior College B. S. U. Council from Meridian; David Byrd, B. Y. P. U. president at Mississippi College, and Dr. Dorothy McCoy, faculty advisor for the Belhaven B. S. U. Council.

Absent was first vice-president Mary Maude Thetford of Mississippi Southern College.

BIRTH OF CHRIST

Far away in Eastern lands
Wise men watched the rising star,
And through lonely desert sands
Come to see the Son of man.
See them by the manger kneeling,
Bringing gifts so fair and rare,
Hear them singing forth His praises,
Crowning Mary's Son their King.

Strange the world in silent slumber
Was not wakened by the sound
Of the heavenly triumphant song.
Tidings glad to men were brought,
Life and peace announced to all,
When the white-robed angel choir,
Struck with awe the trembling
shepherds,
And proclaimed the new King's
birth.

Both to wise men and to shepherds
Was the message freely sent
For the blessed Christ in mercy,
From his love excludeth none.
Each may freely come before Him.
Each may in His blessings share
And the lowly Nazarene
Unto each a friend will be.
Mrs. C. L. D.

"The world is coming to an end
Tuesday."
"O.K. I can get along without it."

TO A FAITHFUL SERVANT

The members of the Enterprise Baptist Church would express their appreciation to a faithful and long-serving officer—Judge John L. Buckley, who has seen fit to resign his position as Chairman of the Board of deacons and treasurer. Words, phrases, and sentences, are but frail expressions of the love, esteem, and appreciation in the hearts of Enterprise Baptists as they think of the forty-one years of patient toil, loving service, and sacrificial spirit of our efficient administrator of finance, and Sunday school teacher.

His footprints of lasting service are deeply imprinted in the annals of Enterprise Baptist history. His never-failing vision of the need of his fellow inspired him on to the heights, while even others lagged behind. His wise counsel steered the church on a united course, a course of action, progressiveness, and fruitfulness. His faith in God was shown as he led the church to hold to the fundamental teaching of the New Testament, by his teachings, actions, and life; as he presented true denominationalism in the light of Jesus' teachings, by his generous spirit of sharing "with the least of these".

The Enterprise Baptist Church stands as a memorial to his energy, aggressiveness, wisdom, time, talent, money, and sacrificial "Labor of Love". It is a monument to his long years of service, his many Sunday's of Bible teaching, his influence on the lives of his fellow-men, and his love for Jesus, our Saviour.

Though unable to further guide our finances, he is rich in goods, and money, and lands, in our Father's House. Though failing in health, he has health, wealth, and happiness, in the memory of a Christian life of goodness and service. Though absent from his church services, he lives in the hearts of his Christian friends.

The Baptists of Enterprise love Judge John Buckley, and with gratitude in their hearts say: "Well done, Thou good and faithful servant!"

Committee—Mrs. Hardy Dear
C. M. Brent,
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Put the Pinex into a pint bottle, and add your syrup. Thus you make a full pint of really splendid medicine and you get about four times as much for your money. It never spoils, and children love its pleasant taste.

And for quick, blessed relief, it is amazing. You can feel it take hold in a way that means business. It loosens the phlegm, soothes the irritated membranes, and eases the soreness. Thus it makes breathing easy, and lets you get restful sleep. Just try it, and if not pleased, your money will be refunded.

WHAT IS JANUARY FOR?

J. E. Dillard

January marks the beginning of a New Year and suggests the matter of a brand new start. Someone sighed for and sang of a "Land of Beginning Again" where we could lay aside our old sins and ugly habits and bad tempers and big mistakes just like we throw away our old worn out garments. Well, maybe we can; at least we can try and this is a fine time to make the effort.

Let's begin with a determination not to do a lot of new things, but to do the old ones in a new way; not to struggle with a number of big tasks but to work at the little necessary jobs in a big hearted spirit. For example:

There are the every day dull duties; the drudgery of making a living and living a life; the duty of being grateful for small favors and expressing gratitude in a helpful way; the matter of carrying our end of the yoke and keeping in a good humor with our fellow yoke-bearer; the receiving of criticism without resentment and bearing reproach without complainings; meeting temptation without flinching carrying our cross with a smile. In short, just trying to be the kind of a person we would like to see when we look in the mirror. That is what January is for.

And then isn't January a good time to check up and see if we are totting fair in our work-a-day world. Are we doing our part, carrying our end, making our contribution; are we plus or minus factors at home and church, at work and play?

How about our church and its services, its work and program? And how much did we do last year toward relieving our dear denomination of its burdensome, back-breaking debt. How much are we going to do this year?

Yes, January is a fine time to check up, catch up, and make a fresh start. It is a good time to join the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club and give a dollar a month (3 1/3 cts. a day) toward a Debtless Denomination. Ask your pastor for a Hundred Thousand Club card. Let's do it today—this day in January. Isn't that one thing this January is for?

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1941
A Call To Baptists of Every Land

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ:

The first Lord's Day in February of each year is Baptist World Alliance Sunday. For many years our churches throughout the whole earth have then joined in common thanksgiving, prayer, and witness.

Our hearts will be more deeply stirred than ever as we observe this Sunday in 1941, and so make manifest to all men that amid the vast calamity of war spiritual fellowship remains unimpaired.

Our souls are troubled to the depths as we contemplate the widespread and appalling suffering of today. We see that human wisdom and power are utterly insufficient to meet the situation. The root-cause of the desolation and distress lies in the sin of man. Nothing save

a spiritual transformation offers any hope of deliverance, and the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ opens for the individual and the race the only prospect of spiritual transformation.

We know these things. Shall we not then everywhere thank God for the unique revelation of grace that frees us from despair? Shall we not rejoice together that millions have believed, and that, in belligerent and neutral and occupied lands alike, we know ourselves citizens of "a kingdom that cannot be shaken," members of one family because children of one Heavenly Father? Shall we not pray for all our brethren and fellow-believers, that their faith and patience, their courage and their inward peace may be sustained under every trial? Shall it not be our firm resolve, God helping us, so to rededicate ourselves to the service of our Lord that our worldwide fellowship shall be mighty to win men into such loyalty and love to Him and to one another as shall lay the foundations of enduring peace and of "a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness"?

Be the powers of evil never so strong, they cannot match the resources of the infinite God. Rejoicing in His Sovereignty, seeking and doing His will, serving His cause in home, churches and mission fields, abiding in Him, let us go forward in the firm unity of faith and hope and love. May this unity be deepened and widened through our common worship on the first Sunday of February! Our God grant that day may prove the occasion of a Pentecostal experience, an abundant outpouring of His Holy Spirit!

Yours in Him who is with us "always, even unto the end of the world."

J. H. Rushbrooke,
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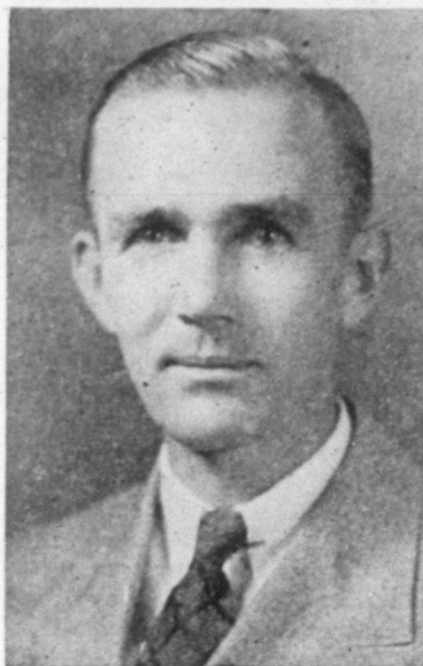
I HAVE HIM NOW—I AM SAVED

As he lingered the worker quietly said, "Won't you come to Jesus tonight?"

"I did not come to him while I had money and a position. Surely it would be wrong to come now. I could not do that."

When it was explained that position and possessions do not commend a person to God, but more often they hinder one in coming, he consented to pray with us about his condition. More of the Word was read and explained, with the plan of salvation predominating in the discussion. He began to pray as he confessed his sins to God, and called for mercy. He arose, grasping the worker's hand, and said "I have him now—I am saved."

Singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus" we went to our places rejoicing again that the Home Mission Board has made it possible for the poor, despondent men and women to have the gospel of Jesus preached to them. Rejoice with us "Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

BROOKHAVEN MAKES
FORWARD STEP

DR. S. H. JONES

Along with many churches in Mississippi the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven under the leadership of Dr. S. H. Jones has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Beginning with this issue approximately 375 families of this church will receive the Record.

Congratulations Dr. Jones, and Brookhaven!

What Brookhaven and Dr. Jones have done, others could do IF—

DESOTO COUNTY B. T. U.

The Associational Conference was held at Hernando Dec. 4. Only two of the four unions were represented: Hernando and Eudora. Olive Branch and Horn Lake were absent. Mr. and Mrs. White of Batesville were quite helpful. He is president of the District B. T. U. Also with us was Mr. W. A. Harrell. Harold McElroy, associational director presided. The following subjects and speakers were on the program:

1. Devotional by Rev. Mr. James;
2. Purpose of the meeting by W. A. Harrell;
3. District Training Work by E. C. Horton;
4. Departmental Conferences, conducted by W. A. Harrell, Mr. White, Mrs. White;
5. Open Conference by Mr. Harrell;
6. Fully Graded Union by M. C. Whitten;
7. Song Service by E. C. Horton;
8. Open Discussion;
9. Associational Officers;
10. Inspirational address.

Goals for 1941 are (1) Eight new unions; (2) 500 awards; (3) four mass meetings; (4) four quarterly business meetings; (5) eight new adult unions; (6) help organize unions in Negro churches, led by Mrs. Charles Dockery.

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore.
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness
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When Rex F. Reed of Tupelo, newly elected member of the board of trustees of Blue Mountain College, attended his first board meeting recently, he was taken into custody by his twin nieces, Helen and Louise Harrison, juniors at the college. Here they are.

Grandfather was slowly walking along the sidewalk, and Billie, aged four, was about twenty paces behind, trudging along on little fat legs.

"Why don't you wait for me?" he called, aggrieved.

"I'm waiting for you," replied Grandfather, slowing up a bit and turning around.

"Well," said the panting youngster, "you aren't waitin' very fast!"

Judge—This lady says you tried to speak to her at the station.

Salesman—It was a mistake. I was looking for my friend's sister whom I had never seen before, but who had been described to me as a handsome blonde with classic features, fine complexion, perfect figure, beautifully dressed, and—

Witness—I don't care to prosecute the gentleman. Anyone might make the same mistake.

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He: "And what will you do with the money?"

She: "Buy a mink coat."

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REV. FRED B. BOOKTER
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF
McCOMB PAYS OFF CHURCH
DEBT.

Congregation of the Central Baptist Church of McComb and Pastor Rev. Fred B. Bookter have enjoyed an unusually happy Christmas this year due to the fact that on December 16 the church paid the debt of \$4,500 on the church building thus freeing the church of debt.

November 15, 1930 the church began paying on a church debt of \$8,836.08 to the McColgan Building and Loan of McComb. By October 15, 1940 the church had paid \$4,143.42, which left a balance of \$4,693.08. The McColgan Building and loan offered to settle with the church for \$4,500. In doing this the Building and Loan made a donation of \$193.08 plus all a accrued interest. The pastor and church addressed themselves to the task of paying of the debt and were successful in doing this December 16, 1940.

The church is looking forward to a great year in 1941 with no debt to retard their progress. This church has a membership of 490 members and is one of the most spiritual and progressive churches in Southwest Miss. This church raises all of its funds by means of tithes and offering and is rapidly developing a fine membership of liberal givers.

Rev. Fred B. Bookter was pastor of the Ponchatoula Baptist Church of Ponchatoula, La. before coming to McComb. During his six and a half years of pastorate there he lead the church to liquidate the church debt of \$11,000.

SALEM, OAK GROVE AND PULASKI CHURCHES

To the members of the Salem, Pulaski and Oak Grove Baptist Churches, Scott County:

As you know the Baptist Record is to become a weekly visitor in your homes in the future. You have taken this step of progress at the request of your pastor, which is an expression of your love and confidence in his leadership. You have been loyal to your church and faithful to your pastor as we have labored together for the promotion of the cause of Christ. You have erected in the heart of this pastor a love that will never leave. As we have labored along through hours of

gloom and sadness you have shown every visible mark of the Christian spirit, and

Now, as we join the happy band of the every family plan of our own Baptist paper, may we resolve to put our shoulders to the wheel and push forward in cooperation with our State workers and prove ourselves to be "laborers together with God", in the great task of winning the world for Christ.

It is the desire of your Pastor that you read this paper. Read it all. It will give you information of our work the world over. It will also bring inspiration to your hearts as you share the store-house of knowledge of many of our great thinkers. Our staff of men and women in the offices at Jackson are some of the finest Spirits on earth. Visit them, when in Jackson and feel free to ask them any question. You might wish concerning our work. They will be glad to give you answer. I assure you that you will not leave any of our offices over there without feeling closer to our God. May Heaven's blessing rest upon you as you look forward from week to week to the coming of your paper.

Sincerely your Pastor,
W. H. Wood.

B. T. U. RALLY AT HOULKA

The Chickasaw County B. T. U. Rally met with the Houlika Baptist Church last Friday afternoon and evening with a most inspirational program led by Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, state worker.

Opening the session, Mr. Henning Andrews led the song service, followed by devotional given by Mrs. J. M. Longmire. Houlika boys and girls made up the choir. Departmental conferences held a most important place on the program. The Junior and Intermediate group was ably led by Mrs. J. M. Longmire, of Houston. Miss Wilds and Mrs. John Collums led the other groups which I'm sure had just as great enthusiasm. These groups brought helpful hints, criticisms, and suggestions that will be a blessing to everybody present.

Speakers for the assembly were Miss Wilds, Bro. Haire of Bruce, Mr. Charlie Verell, moderator, Bro. S. P. Andrews, of Houlika. The inspirational talk of the evening was by Bro. W. C. Stewart, of Houston, who spoke on "Training Youth in Childhood That When They Grow Up They Will Not Depart."

Supper was served at six o'clock by a group of Houlika girls, who had every courtesy and attention for everybody. Special music was a highlight of the program, presented by members of the Houlika band.

Just before the close of the meeting several games were enjoyed.

The next rally will be in Okolona Baptist Church the second Sunday in January, 1941.

—Mary Lome Kirby, Reporter.

A contest was going on among the passengers on the steamer. They were trying to see who could make the worst face.

"Stop," said the judge. "Mr. Crowley wins."

"But I wasn't playing," said Mr. Crowley.

Messengers from the 1552 Churches of Our Lord at

THE 1940 MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION RECOMMENDED---

THAT each Mississippi Baptist, 270,000 in number, be challenged to give as a minimum average the small sum of 3¢ each per week to all causes of Christ in the Cooperative Program, totaling \$420,000 plus to these causes around the world. (Observations from the plan follow):

Of this amount 8% (or, 10%), would care for overhead and promotional work—\$33,600. This would leave a balance of \$386,400 for distribution.

With 40% going to Southwide causes we would have \$156,560 in this column. Foreign Missions gets 50% of this or \$78,280. This is as much as we sent to all Causes beyond Mississippi last year. Three cents per week per Mississippi Baptist for the Cooperative Program would bring it about.

Home Missions would get 23 1/3% of the \$156,560, or \$36,530.

Relief and Annuity would get 10 1/3%, a total of \$16,177.

The Seminaries would get 13 3/5%, or \$21,390.

The Training School would get 8/15%, or \$834.00.

The Southern Baptist Hospital would get 2 1/5%, or \$3,444.

All of this from the small sum of 3¢ per week to the Cooperative Program from each Mississippi Baptist.

State Causes would get 60% of the \$386,400.

State Missions therefore, getting 25% would get \$96,600.

Christian Education, receiving the same 25% would get \$96,600.

The Baptist Orphanage (Jackson) would get 6%, or \$23,184. This, incidentally, is almost as much as both designations and Cooperative Program brought in last year—exclusive of the building fund which will be complete in months.

Ministerial Education would get \$11,592 or 3%.

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital receiving 1% would get \$3,864.

All of this through the Cooperative Program if each Mississippi Baptist gave to it each week the small amount of 3¢—\$1.56 per year.

Just how much do we love a lost world? How much do we love lost souls? Do we believe in Heaven and Hell? Do we love Jesus? Will we obey Him?

Occasionally wounded in the house of its friends, frequently assaulted by enemies of the Cause, the Cooperative Program has continued to be the body of our own mission support financially. It has year by year undergirded the whole mission structure of our denomination. It has rather mothered every mission Cause dear to the hearts of our Baptist people and dead to the heart of Jesus.

As mother frequently is hurt in heart by hands within the family circle so has this greatest missionary channel been hurt time and time again from within.

It has helped "feed" every Cause. It has favored none. It prevents strangulation of all Causes by partiality to one. It thus promotes harmony within and prevents discord.

You have seen a spoiled child within a family circle demanding everything for self. Others become jealous. Fussing results. Parents are worried. Family life does not flow as beautifully as it might.

In other families a proper balance is maintained. Baby is provided for. Sister is cared for, and brother as well. The parents are not left out. Harmony and happiness prevail. A measure of prosperity is attained. Love reigns.

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